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# **EURO2024**

### CHEER WE GO WITH LAURA

**AE FOND KISS** Laura sends her love to the Scotland team





A SCOTLAND fan living in Germany has grabbed a last-minute ticket for the opening game of Euro 2024 - for only 50 euros (£42).

John Thomson's bargain brief cost EIGHT times less than others being sold for the clash against Germany in Munich tonight.

The 49-year-old, who has lived in Dusseldorf for 14 years, swooped on Wednesday after being sent an alert that tickets for the fixture were still available. He'd already shelled out 400 euros for Scotland's second Group A clash against Switzerland in Cologne.

John, who has a 12-yearold daughter, Emma, said: "I never had tickets for the opening game but I had a feeling there might be a chance of one nearer the time. My boss told me that loads of tickets will pop up, so I kept checking everyday.

"Then at 8.23am I got an email to say they were online. I jumped on to see



**DELIGHT** John Thomson

there were 10 or 12 tickets all at different prices.

"I couldn't believe my luck. I managed to grab one for 50 euros, some of them were going for eight times as much. It's amazing."

John rushed to a Facebook fan page to alert fellow Tartan Army members of the news.

One delighted fan managed to buy four pairs thanks to John, after thiking that hope of seeing Steve Clarke's heroes at the first game were gone.

John said: "A few fans

have messaged me to thank me. I had to get the message out that there might still be hope out there."



BY RYAN CAROLL

the Tartan Army in Munich

MUNICH was a sea of tartan last night as 200,000 Scots prepared to roar Steve Clarke's lads to Euro glory.

Scotland face Germany in tonight's opening tie of the Euros and the Tartan Army have travelled in record numbers to back their heroes.

No one appeared to be saving their energy for the big match though - as masses of Scots dressed in kilts and national team colours made themselves heard.

Three Scots brothers were among thousands who rocked into Munich city centre for what may be the Ťartan Army's biggest foreign party ever.

Scott, Stuart and Iain Lambie from Glasgow joined fellow supporters in the city's Marienplatz.

Scott, 27, a BAE worker from Glasgow, said: "We started on the beer on the bus into town. The atmosphere in Munich is unbelievable."

Brother Stuart, 29, who works in finance for Aggreko, added: "I have never seen so many Tartan Army the day before a game. This is going to be fun.

Above them, on the Rathaus, the Saltire was flying proudly next to the Bavarian flag.

Partying Scots also brought Munich's "Wine Street" to a standstill.

A window opened on a tall building in Weinstrasse, a Saltire quickly emerging to the delight of fans. Some tried to kick a ball through the window, with each "missed shot" receiving a loud cheer.

One female Scotland fan had her picture taken with a local officer, as more of her colleagues monitored the behaviour from a distance.

Jordan Laird, from Rosyth in Fife, posed "taps aff" with a gentleman in traditional Bavarian dress.

The 43-year-old plumber said: "No Scotland, no party. The atmosphere in Munich is superb and can only

Colin Thomson, 54, travelled from Edinburgh with his brother Derek, 50, and the pair were in full voice.

Colin, who works in electronics, told the Record: "We arrived last night fairly late on, we had a good few beers on the way but once we arrived we got a really good reception.

Everybody has been smiling. The kilt and the Scotland top always puts a smile on people's faces and everyone

been brand new. Outside our Airbnb the locals

have put up both a Scotland flag and a German flag. It's been verv welcoming.

We've not got tickets but we're going to watch from the fan zone. I think there's a chance, with it being the opening game, that we can do them"

Isla Fairfield, from Dunfermline, and her friend Fatima Jawara, 26, from Aberdeenshire, were sitting soaking up the sun enjoying two large weiss beers.

Isla, 25, said: "We arrived at Primary in Peebles, said: "It's unreal

midnight last night after spending all day travelling and you could tell the closer we got to Munich you could feel the number of Scotland fans growing.

"It's been great. This morning has been an amazing atmosphere.

"I think we've already sang the 'no Scotland, no party' song about 500 times!

Samuel Anderson, 11, Rory Mowat, 10, and Cameron Rose, nine, were among the young fans soaking up the atmosphere as they kicked a ball around the famous square.

Samuel, who is in P7 at Kingsland

to be here. We have been really enjoying the atmosphere and the food.

We headed straight down to McDonald's this morning then came back here for a drink.

"It's a very different atmosphere from at home with the big chapel and the music and the big beers.

"This week has just been outstanding, we've got tickets for the game against Germany too.

We are going to win 2-1, McTominay and McGinn are going to score for us."

Rory, a P6 pupil at Pentland Primary in Edinburgh, agreed we had the win

McTominay with the winner." Dad Ben Rose, communications director from the capital, added: "It's been brilliant.

"This is a great place to come and watch football and enjoy the local beer. "This is once-in-a-lifetime stuff for

the boys. They will remember this for the rest of their lives. They don't know how lucky they are.

"We were at the tail end of university the last time we qualified for a tournament abroad and we've not been able to go since.

"It's just a fantastic experience. You couldn't design a better city to host a in the bag, adding: "It will be 1-0, tournament like this." Over at the



#### TARTAN ARMY TAKE OVER MUNICH



 $other \, side \, of \, the \, square, Scotland \, fans \,$ didn't stop chanting and clapping throughout the day.

They got a hold of a football as a game of keepy-ups broke out to chants of "there's only one Maradona".

Sitting nearby enjoying a beer was Gary Duthie, who works in oil and gas and lives in Aberdeen.

The 43-year-old said: "I flew in yesterday and I've never been so proud to be a Scotsman. It's where you want to be. Looking down this avenue here - it's just absolutely fantastic. I've never felt so at home.

'Seeing all these people having the most amazing time - it just makes you proud to be Scotsman."

Next to Gary were four Germans, dressed in matching hats with Lego figurines of both a Scotland footballer and a German player.

Simone Éul, 55, from Westerwald, said: "The atmosphere is great - you would think you were in Edinburgh! The Scottish have really take over this whole place. It is friends, we have all been

Sat at Werner's Bar which still had no beer after the Tartan Army drank the place dry in just four hours on Wednesday, were Leon and Dawn Kondol drinking soft drinks with their three boys Taylor, 12, Leyton, 10, and Jordan, eight.

Craig said: "It's just

incredible, this is the

stuff of what dreams are

Tuesday. It has been

amazing time too.

BYD, who threw their support

behind him during his

epic journey.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be here and the atmosphere has really cranked up today."

The three youngsters were all in agreement that a win was on the way too, echoing each other with a cry of: McTominay 1-0, we are going to do it!"

There was an increased police presence around the square last night as uniformed officers kept a watchful eye over proceedings but everyone vas on their best behaviour and kept the party going into the wee small hours.



# We'll be legends if we go through

finals after failed attempts at eight World Cups and three European Championships.

Iconic status awaits if they can pull it off – but Robertson is adamant they'll handle the pressure.

At the Munich Arena last night, the Liverpool defender said: "That's what we want (legendary status).

"That's what we all want and we know that's what's at stake.

'What's the worst that can happen?

"Join the list of so many good Scotland teams that failed to get out of the group?
"The flip side is that we

can be the first team ever to do it.

We've got lots of incentives but that's the main one.

"To become a legendary squad, which we would go down as if we made it into the knock-outs.

'That has to drive us forward.

We have a lot of motivation, like every country here.

"But we can feel how excited everyone is back in Scotland and, for me, that's what's driving us forward - to be the first team to get out of the

"Because if you do that, you never know what might happen.

We have to get there first.

'We are in a really difficult group with three good teams.
"We have got to be at

our very best in every game to have a chance of doing it.

"If we are, let's see where we are come June 24."

It has been brilliant. This is a great place to watch football and enjoy the local beer

BEN ROSE SCOTLAND FAN ENJOYING MUNICH

absolutely crazy! Everyone is brilliant. The kids are having an getting on so well."

Leon said: "We arrived on

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#### **Glasgow & West**

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# AC/DC superfan joins festivities early with Sir Rod, Amy and Travis... and, of course, the Tartan Army

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN DINGWALL

ALLY McCoist went to see his beloved AC/DC in Munich - and predicts our lads will rock the Germans tonight.

The Scotland legend thinks Steve Clarke and his team could leave the hosts thunderstruck in the opening game of Euro24.

Ally has been caught up in the excitement of seeing Scotland in a major tournament finals and believes the team can make history.

The scoring icon, who went viral with a clip of himself enjoying AC/DC hit Hells Bells before a big match, saw his music heroes at a live gig in the Bavarian capital on

Wednesday night.
He said: "We went to see AC/DC and there must have been 80,000 there. There were plenty of Scots around and guys were playing the bagpipes outside.

Now we're all looking forward to the match and this is the first time in a long time that the boys have been able to get on the road.

The last time was 98 in France, so you're talking 26 years."

On Scotland's chances against the Germans, Coisty said: "I'm not over -confident but I genuinely think the boys can do it and I'm very hopeful.

That would deservedly give them a place in Scottish history

They'll be heroes and they are heroes to me for getting us here in the first place."

McCoist, who scored the winner against Switzerland at Euro 96, will be in the commentary box for Scotland matches at Euro 24, beginning with tonight's clash with the hosts.

Last night, Coisty was set to team up with Sir Rod Stewart, Amy Macdonald and Travis to party with the Tartan Army in the centre of Munich.

He said: "It's all the Scottish fans getting together and it's in the centre of Munich. I think Sir Alex Ferguson is coming along as well.

"It's certainly going to be a fun time but I have to make sure the voice is good for the commentaries."

If the team does well against Germany, Hungary and Switzerland and gets to the knockout stages of a major tournament for the first time, Ally said it would be a "wonderful



TURN UP THE VOLUME Ally McCoist

achievement". He said: "I don't think it would be fair to compare them to anybody like Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Billy Bremner, Denis Law or even Richard Gough, Andy Goram or Maurice Johnston or older guys

like Jim Baxter and Bobby Lennox. "But it would be the first team to

have done it. 'Who can forget that Spanish game at home and the game in

Norway? 'So they are heroes already and thev'll be well organised and do their level best and I've got everything crossed for them.

Ally, who will be broadcasting from Germany on behalf of ITV and talkSport, is tipping Lawrence

He said: "I think the three forwards we had all gave us something Greggs is the one that the Scottish different. We'll never know but I fans will be looking out for the think that Steve Clarke might have most so they can get a free sausage started Lyndon Dykes against roll."

Germany for obvious reasons. But he hasn't made it and I think Lawrence Shankland is the best striker. Che Adams will give an added threat of going in behind and turning defenders if need be.

"They all have their own strengths but I don't have any doubt in my opinion that Lawrence is probably the best finisher and he's had an absolutely fantastic season.

"I just hope providing chances for him doesn't prove too difficult because if they can get him the ball, I think he'll score. 'The boys won't freeze. They'll be

right up for it. It's the biggest game of their lives. I think they'll grasp the opportunity and the occasion.
"We are looking forward to it and

 $nobody\,will\,be\,looking\,forward\,to\,it$ more than the players themselves." Ally has teamed up with bakers Greggs and Just Eat to

launch xGreggs (eXpected Greggs) with free sausage rolls for There were plenty fans based on the number of of Scots at the AC/ Scotland and DC concert and guys England goals were playing scored above bagpipes outside official xG

(Expected Goals)

ALLY MCCOIST IN PARTY MOOD IN MUNICH

statistics. He said: "Anything over the number of goals and sausage rolls are Shankland for a place in the starting being thrown in the general direction of the football fans and I've got to say, being a fan of the sausage roll, Greggs is the one that the Scottish

ALL DRESSED TO KILT John McGinn's pride and their relative's name on their backs SCOTLA

#### **AUSSIE SCOT IS HERR DINKUM** BY **PAUL DRURY**



MADE IT Darryl & Carolina

SCOTLAND fans who flew 22 hours from Australia to Munich joked "the jet lag is worth it"

Darryl Falls is the son of Stuart Falls, captured mid-picture, arms outstretched, when the goalposts came down at Wemblev in 1977.

Darryl, his wife Carolina Borgas and niece Amy Sharp visited

the fanzone in the city's Olympic Park yesterday to sample the atmosphere.

Their journey from Perth, Western Australia, began on Sunday and they arrived in Munich - via Doha - on Monday.

Darryl, 48, an offshore technician, is Singapore the day after Scotland's final group game against Hungary in Stuttgart on June 23. He joked: "If Scotland

get through to the next round, there wil be a delicate conversation with my supervisor.'

He met his Brazilian wife, Carolina, when he visited the World Cup in Brazil in 2014.

#### COISTY ON A ROLL AS HE ROCKS INTO MUNICH



Well, we all know he's Steve Clarke's man and he's better than Zidane.

Ryan Carroll's Euros die AFTER a chaotic first day following the Tartan Army in Munich, I struggled to drift off to sleep until the

early hours of yesterday. What a buzz to be thrown in among the carnage of colour - but every time I would nearly nod off, another rendition of 'no Scotland, no party

my head... it was like

Despite the lack of sleep, though, it didn't take me long to get back into the swing of things yesterday morning as the Scots returned to the Marienplatz first thing.

There wasn't a hint of a hangover in sight, just hundreds of Scots back

we left them sipping steins and singing songs at every corner of the square. The world's media joined us yesterday, capturing the incredible scenes - and one of the most poignant moments was when dozens of camera crew battled it out to get the first glimpse of

Craig Ferguson as he

completed his mammoth

exactly where

trek from Glasgow to Munich.

The inspirational Scot was overwhelmed as he was interviewed by journalists from around the world.

No one got as good a response as the Record, though, when we asked what he planned to do now - answering proudly in true Scottish fashion: "I'm off to get mad with it!"

Quite right too, and he

deserves all the praise he

can get. While, thankfully, he'll be watching from the stadium after bagging a ticket for the game - we'll be in the fanzone with tens of thousands of other ticketless Scots.

It's hard to imagine a better atmosphere there than what we've already seen at the Marienplatz but somehow, I think we might just manage it.

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#### **Proud nation is** behind our boys

WHEN our boys step out into the Allianz Arena to face Germany tonight, the whole nation will be bursting with pride.

There will be more than a few nerves as well. But also ... hope.

It's a great honour that Scotland are kicking off Euro 2024 against the hosts in Munich and one that travelling fans, not to mention the players, will remember

We'll be underdogs, no doubt, but that'll suit us just fine, with all the pressure on German shoulders.

Steve Clarke's men just need to draw on the incredible heroics they pulled off in getting us to the tournament so convincingly.

Battering Spain 2-0 as Hampden roared and Rodri sulked.

Our 11th-hour one-two punch to take out Erling Haaland's Norway in the most dramatic of fashions in Oslo.

Nights that will live long in the memory of the Tartan Army. And Scotland has the opportunity to create new memories in Germany over the coming weeks.

It's not going to be easy. It never is for Scotland. Fans of our national team have developed a high pain threshold.

But with courage, conviction and a bit of good fortune, there's no reason this can't be the side that finally gets us to the knockout stages of a major tournament - and we can break that hoodoo once and for all.

How brilliant is it to see the Tartan Army in full voice over in Munich, turning the city into a massive Scottish party?

Frankly, they're making anyone not over there feel pretty jealous.

We know the Tartan Army are always a credit to Scotland wherever they gohaving fun, making friends and liberally enjoying the beer.

Of all the fantastic images we're seeing in Munich, perhaps the best moment so far has been 20-year-old Scotland diehard Craig Ferguson's arrival at the festivities.

Young Craig, remarkably, has walked there all the way from Glasgow, trekking 1000 miles - and raising more than £50,000 for a men's mental health charity.

He got the hero's reception he deserved and was mobbed by fellow Scots in amazing scenes.

Because, like Craig, Scotland fans have endured a long slog to get here.

Euro 2020 gave us a taste of what we'd been missing, even if Covid made it a strange one.

But this is the first time the Tartan Army has travelled overseas for a major tournament since France 98 – an incredible 26 years ago.

A whole new generation is experiencing the magic of it all for the very first time.

All that's left is for our lads to go out there tonight with the Tartan Army roaring them on - and maybe, just maybe, give Germany the shock of

Come on, Scotland!





# The Voice of Scottish football delivers a battle cry

#### STEVE CLARKE and his men will be heroes if they qualify from their Euros group, says Archie Macpherson.

Archie, 89, has been the voice of six World Cups and four Euros but not once has he got to hail Scotland getting past the first hurdle.

Now he believes Clarke's team can do what legends such as Denis Law, Archie Gemmell and Kenny Dalglish could not.

The TV legend said: "If they could get through they'll be heroes.

"I'm looking forward to the Euros as it revives memories. It's 50 years ago almost to the day I set off for on the shoulders of this squad."

#### BY JOHN DINGWALL

the first of my many excursions with Scotland for the 74 World Cup.

"It was the same country, Germany and, as with six World Cups and two Euros, I was coming back with the same sad story of not being able to qualify out of our group and go forward and do something.

"Just think of the quality of the players we had. Law, Bremner, Dalglish, Souness, Strachan, Jordan.

"It means that history is heaped

book Touching The Heights, has rubbed shoulders with the greats.

He co-commentated with Jock Stein when Scotland returned from the 1974 World Cup undefeated, the only team to do so.

They beat Zaire 2-0, drew 0-0 with Brazil in a cracking game and 1-1 with Yugoslavia before going out on goal difference.

Archie said: "People looked back and even immediately after the first game they were saying that we should have scored more goals.

Archie, who recently published his Jock Stein beside me was sweating profusely because it was a hell of a hot night with high humidity. So to a certain extent we were simply glad to get a victory.

"It wasn't until the Scottish players were in the dressing room that we heard Brazil, who we thought would clobber Zaire and score about nine goals as the Yugoslavs had done, only scored a late third goal and put us out of the tournament.

"We came back to thousands at Glasgow Airport because we were

#### ARCHIE MACPHERSON'S STIRRING WORDS





## ELECTION 2024 LAB



Starmer launched the Labour manifesto yesterday amid polls showing his party on course for a landslide against the Tories.

His top priority will be tackling the cost-of-living crisis and growing the economy to raise extra cash for public services.

His funding boost for Scotland has three elements, with the first being a £320million increase for Holyrood's budget. This comes from cash raised from imposing VAT on private school fees, scrapping non-dom status and closing other tax

Another £150million in levelling up money will be handed to a Labour Scottish Secretary. A Labour source said Scotland would likely benefit British Jobs Bonus and the Warm Homes Plan.

Starmer will also implement the biggest upgrade to workers' rights in a generation, including a "genuine" living wage.

He pledged all 18 to 20-yearolds will be entitled to the national living wage with the promise to end age discrimination. The group currently receives a minimum wage of £8.60 an hour, below the £11.44 for Scots aged 21 and over.

The lower rate will be scrapped by Labour in favour of a higher living wage for all.

A Labour source said up to 40,000 Scots will benefit from a big rise.

Launching the manifesto in Manchester, Starmer warned there would be "no quick fix' after 14 years of Tory "chaos".

He said: "We must rebuild our country. It will not be easy. There is no quick fix to the mess the Conservatives have

He said too many communities were "disregarded" due to "the toxic idea" that economic growth is something the "few hand down to the many" and added: "Today, we turn the page on that forever."

His launch speech was interrupted by heckling from a climate protester but he shot back: "We gave up on being a party of protest five years ago, we want to be a party in power.

In his manifesto foreword, Sir Keir said: "The defining purpose of my Labour leadership has been to drag my party away from the dead end of gesture politics and return it

the House of Lords and plans to enforce retirement from the upper chamber at 80.

The manifesto was welcomed across the country last night.

STUC General Secretary Roz Foyer said: "Workers' wages shouldn't be tied to their years. It should be a fair day's wage for a fair day's work for all.

"Abolishing the 18-20 rate will give young people the respect and dignity they deserve in their working lives.

But the SNP said Labour should have promised to rule out Tory cuts and NHS privatisation.

SNP Westminster leader Stephen Flynn said: "The real story of this manifesto is what it is deliberately failing to rule out. The Labour Party had two tests today - rule out

bankers' bonuses. It talks about backing business but backs the disaster of Brexit. "It claims to prioritise growth but continues a

hostile environment to migra tion that will stall economic growth. The Labour manifesto makes it clear only the SNP will put Scotland's interests first.



## AN EXTRA £1.5BN FOR SCOTLAND



LABOUR has said it will establish a publicly owned energy company to "make Britain a clean energy

superpower".
GB Energy will be headquartered in Scotland and will have £8.2billion of

The manifesto said: "The company will create jobs and build supply chains in every corner of the UK.
"Scotland will be the

powerhouse of our clean energy mission, with Great British Energy headquartered

#### POVERTY

THE manifesto says Labour is committed "to reviewing Universal Credit so that it makes work pay and tackles poverty". It also added that the party wants to end mass dependence on emergency food parcels, which is a moral scar on our society". The manifesto did not include a commitment to scrapping the two-child benefit cap, although Scottish Labour has said it supports this.

committed to not raising VAT or national insurance.

They party also committed to ending the tax break for private schools which currently do not pay VAT.

The manifesto said: "Labour will end the VAT exemption and business rates relief for private schools to invest in our state schools."

It says imposing VAT on fees and making them pay business rates will raise £1.5billion



#### CARS

THE manifesto includes the commitment to reinstate the 2030 ban on new petrol and diesel cars

Labour claimed this would provide "certainty to manufacturers"

This will reverse Rishi Sunak's decision in September last year to delay the ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans in the UK from 2030 to 2035.

Labour said it would 'support the transition to electric vehicles" by accelerating the roll out of



genuine living wage". Labour will "remove the discriminatory age bands, so

all adults are entitled to the

same minimum wage"

chargepoints. It also committed to help used car buyers switch to electric motoring by "standardising the information supplied on the condition of batteries".

# He'll walk into house burned down by Tories

# **ANALYSIS**



KEIR Starmer will next month be celebrating Labour's first election win in 19 years and planning a meeting with the King.

He will have won a thumping victory over the humiliated Tories and will be putting his first Cabinet together.

The Labour leader will be thinking about his Government's first Budget and how to capitalise on early momentum.

He will have a country to save.

Starmer, more than any new prime minister in living memory, faces a daunting

Voters continue to face hardship from the Tory costof-living crisis, rising poverty and soaring NHS

waiting lists. He has walked into a house burned down by the Tories.

daunting Labour's manifesto. imply entitled Change, is a canny document that includes many unanswered questions.

But ambiguity is better at this turbulent period of history than false certainty.

Starmer believes it is better to under promise and over deliver, rather than deceive voters like the Conservatives.

Successive Tory prime ministers promised they would reduce taxes and cut immigration. Tax is now at its highest level since the 40s and net migration exceeds pre-Brexit levels. Voters have stopped listening to the Tories.

Starmer knows trust is broken in politics and even the relatively modest commitments he has made carry risks.

He has pinned the country's renewal on turbocharging economic growth across the UK, but

politicians have tried this approach before and failed.

All Labour Governments increase public spending and sluggish growth would put huge pressure on his vow of no rises in income tax or national insurance.

GB Energy, his vehicle for making the country a clean energy powerhouse, will also have to deliver on the tens of thousands of jobs promised by Labour.

Scotland will be one of Starmer's first challenges.

Anas Sarwar wants tangible progress in the first two years of a Labour Government to propel him into Bute House.

He hopes a new law beefing up workers' rights will be

implemented speedily and Starmer, more wants to see the back of than any new the two-PM in living child cap on memory, faces a benefits. Starmer's

caution and Sarwar's impatience could collide as the next Holyrood election edges

closer. But these tensions can be managed and Starmer knows he has a huge opportunity to use the levers of government to transform lives. A senior Scottish Labour

in-tray

source believes Starmer will be a better PM than he is an opposition leader, harnessing his Brownite instincts to force through change.

Legendary Labour prime minister Clement Attlee was a modest man whose Government delivered the NHS and a welfare state.

Starmer's job will be to save the institutions his party built and repair the economy.

Voters look certain to give him the big majority he needs, but they will be unforgiving if he lets them



## **ELECTION 2024** TORY LEAD

#### Health on the shelf

THINGS have been so manic for the Scottish Government that they are now forgetting which minister does what.

In a letter, they referred to Neil Gray as the Cabinet

Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work

and Energy. Did they not remember that he took over from Michael

Matheson as **Health Secretary** in February?

#### Rough act to follow



RESULT Salmond

ALEX Salmond has warned that John Swinney's second stint at the SNP leadership will go as badly as the first one.

The Alba leader said the First Minister "is reprising his 2003 campaign and he risks getting the same result".

In that election, the SNP lost eight seats and drifted well behind Labour. Ouch.



THE SNP has used Scotland's opening Euros match against Germany to make a point about Brexit.

The party put out a billboard saying: "Scotland back in Europe. As we should be." Hopefully they're not saying we've been taken out of Europe against our will in a couple of weeks' time.



#### **KEIR STARMER**

The Labour leader looked like a prime minister-in-waiting as he launched the party's



#### **DOUGLAS ROSS**

The outgoing Scottish Tory leader seemed to have given up during First Minister's

#### Quote of the day

It's not about rabbits out of a hat, not about pantomime. I'm running as the candidate to be prime minister, not to run the circus.

KEIR STARMER



BY **CHRIS McCALL** Deputy Political Editor

#### **JOHN Swinney laid into Douglas** Ross yesterday as the outgoing Tory leader attempted to pass the buck for Scotland's struggling NHS.

The First Minister slammed the Scottish Conservatives for trashing the UK economy with a "catastrophic" mini-budget - which

Ross supported. Swinney faced questions at Holyrood yesterday over the long waiting times many Scots are enduring in hospitals around the country.

Lameduck leader Ross, who has announced he is quitting as Scottish Tory boss in a bid to return to Westminster as an MP, tried to quiz Swinney at First Minister's Questions on the state of Scotland's NHS.

But Swinney slammed the embattled Tory MSP, saying it was the Tories' trashing of the economy under former PM Liz Truss that had hammered all public services.

Swinney said: "Mr Ross would be in a stronger position to argue for this if he hadn't argued for me to follow the budget of Liz Truss.

"That was what Douglas Ross wanted me to do. He wanted me to follow the tax-cutting agenda. If I had done that, it would have been catastrophic for the country and the NHS.

Swinney added: "I take responsibility for the actions of my government and public services on my behalf. That is my duty as First Minister and I do so on all occasions.

"Our hospitals are operating at such a level of congestion that individuals are not able to be transferred from A&E into wider hospital care because of delayed discharge.

"The solution is to work with local authorities to expand the level of social care in the community to ensure we can address the delayed discharge issue.

"Ultimately, this comes back to the resources available to the NHS. This government has taken responsibility

# **3 Jobs is**

I STRUGGLE to listen to Douglas Ross these days because, when I look at his increasingly defeated face, all I hear is a ticking clock.

Counting down to July 4, and his self-inflicted exile from leadership of the Scottish Tory party.

You could almost feel sorry for him - until you remember the harm he and his party have caused. And the fact Ross is only in this

### TOLD TRUSS TAXES HURT HEALTH SERVICE

# MOUR mess



OVER AND CLOUT John Swinney, alongside deputy Katie Forbes and Finance Secretary Shona Robison, flexed muscles at Holyrood as bumbling Ross struggled to make a coherent point

on this as we have been prepared to take the hard decision to increase tax and to ensure more resources are allocated to the NHS."

Swinney has been under pressure on the NHS during the General Election campaign.

An audience member at a TV debate this week pressed him on the care her 93-year-old mother had received.

Swinney apologised to Anna McClintock after hearing her mum had waited six hours for an ambulance, and then another two hours to be admitted to hospital.

He also admitted yesterday it was "regrettable" that more Scots were turning to private healthcare after Labour estimated £83million was spent on treatment last year. Labour leader

Anas Sarwar said his party had obtained figures showing more than 1000 rounds of chemotherapy were paid

for privately in the last year. Sarwar also highlighted the number of people using private healthcare had increased 86 per cent since 2019.

He said: "The SNP's mismanagement of the NHS is so bad that those who are in pain, who are sick, who are injured, are being forced to literally pay the price.

"But perhaps most horrifyingly of all, there are people who are being forced to go private and pay for their cancer treatment in Scotland. This is

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ANAS SARWAR LAYS

the reality under this SNP Government." Swinney in turn took aim at Labour's Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting after he made reference to using

capacity in the private health sector to ease waiting times in the NHS.

The First Minister said: "I regret the fact that people feel the need to take recourse to private treatment.

"But I have to say to Anas Sarwar that I think he is on very, very thin ground in challenging me on the question of private involvement in the National Health Service.

"Let me just remind him of the comments of Labour's Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting, who said that a UK Labour government would – and I quote – 'hold the door wide open for the private sector' in the NHS.

"What we have is a classic example of what Anas Sarwar gets up to in public debate. He comes here in Scotland and says one thing and in England his bosses are doing a completely different thing.

"I don't want anybody to have to pay for cancer treatment in Scotland but I have to face up to the reality of the challenges facing our NHS."

He added that the privatisation rate for treatment is 13 per cent higher in Labour-run Wales.

Sarwar said the response from Swinney was "embarrassing", and he quoted from the UK Labour Party's manifesto which states the NHS will "always be publicly owned and funded".

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# heading deep into added-on time

BY **DAN VEVERS** 

position because he has all the political nous of a Poundland Rishi Sunak.

So there he was yesterday, at his third-to-last First Minister's Questions as Tory leader (who's counting?), and naturally, he tried to take a business-as-usual approach, challenging John

Swinney on the NHS. The SNP

chief barely broke a sweat. But perhaps this represents how far Ross has fallen: from Scotland's main opposition

leader, to yesterday's man.
Yet when Scottish Labour
leader Anas Sarwar rose to grill
Swinney on the same topic,
suddenly, out came some fire and
passion from both men. A furious

Sarwar said Swinney had his "head in the sand" on figures showing Scots cancer patients have been forced to go private.

Swinney hit back that the rate of patients turning private was worse in Labour-run Wales - and boomed somewhat threateningly at Sarwar's deputy: "It's not a good idea to heckle me when I'm mid-flow, Jackie Baillie." He got

into his flow for Labour - but offered barely a drip-drip to the Tories.

All this confirmed Ross's status as the weird boy at the back of the class. What glorious summer holidays they'll have, knowing that when they get back, they won't have to deal with that mean little man anymore.

Tick tock.



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# Letby retrial hears of mum's baby heartache

BY HOLLIE BONE

THE mum of a newborn girl allegedly attacked by nurse Lucy Letby said it was the "hardest decision of my life" to switch off her daughter's life support, a court has heard.

Letby, 34, is accused of attempting to murder the baby, known as Child K, by displacing her breathing tube at Countess of Chester Hospital's neonatal unit.

The jury at the retrial heard Letby was convicted last year of killing seven babies and the attempted murders of six others.

The "extremely premature" Child K was born weighing 1lb 8oz on February 17, 2016. Within two hours of her birth Letby was said to have been "caught virtually red-handed" by a senior consultant paediatrician when he saw her at the cot

"doing nothing". The mum told the doctor her baby was poked and prodded from the moment she was born and they didn't want her to suffer any more.

She said: "We made the decision together to switch off the machines and let her go. It was by far the hardest decision of my life."

Letby, of Hereford, denies attempted murder. The Manchester crown court

# Sanctions for

BRITAIN and fellow G7 nations will slap sanctions on Russia's "shadow ships' in an effort to choke off money for Vladimir Putin's war effort.

The tankers have obscure or dubious ownership to circumnavigate previous sanctions. This shadow fleet has been transporting Russian oil to global buyers to give vital funds to Putin to finance his invasion of Ukraine.

The sanctions were announced as Rishi Sunak joined fellow leaders at the

G7 summit in Puglia, Italy. The PM said: "We are once more ramping up economic pressure."

# Badger baiter ban



# Sicko is barred from keeping animals after horror injuries to dogs



**HEARTBREAKING** Patterdale pooch suffered facial injuries

**Both Muff** 

& Midge

suffered

horrific

injuries

SCOTTISH SPCA SPOKESPERSON

A SICK badger baiter BY GEMMA RYDER whose dogs suffered horror injuries has been banned from keeping or working with any animals for 10 years.

Cruel Sean Garland, of Blackfolds farm, Dufftown, was also sentenced to 200 hours of community service when he was sentenced at Elgin Sheriff Court yesterday

The 38-year-old sicko pled guilty to keeping three dogs for the purposes of animal fighting.

He also failed to get

veterinary treatment for facial injuries, causing

unnecessary suffering to the two Patterdale terriers named Midge and

The Scottish SPCA began investigating Garland when it received a report tipping it off about Garland's brutal hobby with the dogs.

A specialist investigation officer said: "Due to the immediate and real concern for the welfare of the dogs being kept, the premises were searched.

Within kennels we found a black Patterdale terrier named Muff who was around 12 years of age.

She had very obvious facial injuries to her lower lip; nose and chin area.

Her upper lip had an old wound that extended up to the nasal area.

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healed marks and scars and old healed injuries around her jaw area, muzzle and nose area.

The injuries were consistent with having been caused and inflicted by a badger and fox."

The animal welfare charity also found a young brown Patterdale terrier called Midge within a small crate.

Midge had facial injuries to her lower lip; chin and muzzle area.

During the search of Garland's, a bag containing

two locating tracker collars and a locating box was found, which are used for badger baiting and fox hunting.
The third

dog reported to the SSPCA was never seen but communication seized at the time

indicated that the dog had died due to a broken jaw.

Following the sentence, a Scottish SPCA spokes-person said: "We are satisfied that Garland received a 10-year ban on owning and keeping all animals, though we had hoped for a custodial sentence. Both Midge and Muff suffered horrendous injuries that were left untreated and clearly caused them pain and distress over a long period."

Pooches Midge and Muff There were numerous have since been rehomed.



# Law to clear victims of PO HOU scandal passes final hurdle

SCOTS wrongly convicted BY KATRINE BUSSEY as part of the Post Office Horizon scandal will today be exonerated.

The Scottish Government announced legislation, passed by Holyrood two weeks ago, received royal assent yesterday.

Justice Secretary Angela Constance said she hopes the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences amount of compensation scandal can have their (Scotland) Act will go

"some way to righting the terrible wrongs of the past".

Working with the Crown Office, the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Post Office. the Scottish Government. will notify those affected and ensure police and court records are amended.

Constance said: "No can fully mend the lives

that were torn apart by this miscarriage of justice. I do hope, however, that this legislation goes some way to righting the terrible wrongs of the past.

"I will be writing to those affected to tell them their convictions have been quashed and ensuring court records are changed, so the victims of this good names restored.



**NEW LAW** Angela Constance





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**Former Doctor** Who Matt Smith admits he hates process of having his long, blonde locks applied for violent fantasy show but insists it's all worth it in the end to look the part



HE first series of House of the Dragon was hair-raising and the second is set to be the same. But for Matt Smith, who plays the Daemon Targaryen, the hair is his least favourite part of the character.

The former Doctor Who admitted he hates the icy blonde wig he has to wear to transform him into the prince but said it

does make him feel like a Targaryen. Matt, 41, said: "I hate putting it on. It's the bald cap that's the worst.

"It has to be glued on before the blonde

wig can go on over the top. I hate it but it does help and it looks fantastic once it's on, I have to say."

"(It takes) about four-and-a-half hours,

which is hard for me because I can't sit still at the best of times. But it it's worth it. That the blonde wig is a big help."
The Game of Thrones prequel left viewers

with a civil war on the horizon at the end of the first series, as the factions of House Targaryen vie for the Iron Throne.

Viewers will rejoin the story in the wake of those tragic events. Aegon II Targaryen has taken the throne, thanks to his mother Alicent and grandfather Otto Hightower's assertions that he is the rightful heir, while Rhaenyra Targaryen has rebuked Otto's conditions for her to concede her claim to the throne, instead rallying support for her to rule the Seven Kingdoms.

Matt said: "It's an exciting season. I can say that it's violent, sexy and strange and we've got some wonderful new characters and some wonderful returning characters.

"Basically, if you like a good political odyssey involving some blonde, maniacal, dysfunctional families, you're going to love this season.

And dysfunctional perfectly describes the part of Daemon, who is both consort to Rhaenyra and her uncle.

But fans will see a changed Daemon as the events of the first series, a crash course in the history of the Targaryens, has seen him enter a bad place. Matt had to try to

convey that switch in his character.

He said: "We find Daemon in a rather dark and difficult place. He is a haunted man. He has become unstuck to the point where he has lost his mind a little bit. We find him at the start of this season very much at a crossroads in his life and a crossroads for the Targaryen family.

Everyone in a state of grief over the death of King Viserys (played by Paddy Considine in Season 1) and that has caused some extreme reactions.

"Cracks are starting to show and things are about to get a whole lot worse.

'It was really a case of understanding where he is and what he has lost. He has stumbled towards anonymity and that has caused him to become softer, lazier and fatter. He is having to deal with the demons of his past and all the bad deeds he has

THRONE INTO BATTLE Daemon in

his armour



done, so I

thought a lot about the physicality of that and how he is feeling more exposed."

Matt, who played the late Prince Phillip in The Crown, said although he understands why fans may think Daemon is evil, he doesn't agree. It's a bold opinion for a character who has a penchant for incest, wreaked chaos on his brother's reign and likes to start wars in Westeros.

e said: "I don't see him as nasty. I see him as damaged. He's done some terrible things but there is a warped sense of justice and loyalty that I think the audience can appreciate.

"Like all baddies, he really doesn't think he's bad. He thinks he's doing the right thing. He's also a very loving husband and brother so he's not all bad."

Just like it's predecessor, Game of Thrones, the show is known for it's fire-breathing dragons and epic battle scenes, which come with inevitable injuries for the cast.

Matt said: "They are tough but I find them really enjoyable. I've been injured. I slipped a disc in my neck doing one stunt at the end of last season. I've had the odd cut and a few bruises but nothing too serious."

Surprising when they sometimes use

real swords for fight scenes.

He added: "Some of them are real. We have steel blades for some scenes but for the big fight scenes, we have to use plastic or rubber ones."

With a new series comes both new and returning characters. Matt said: "Tom Glynn-Carney is just fantastic as King Aegon and a fantastic addition to the Targaryen family."

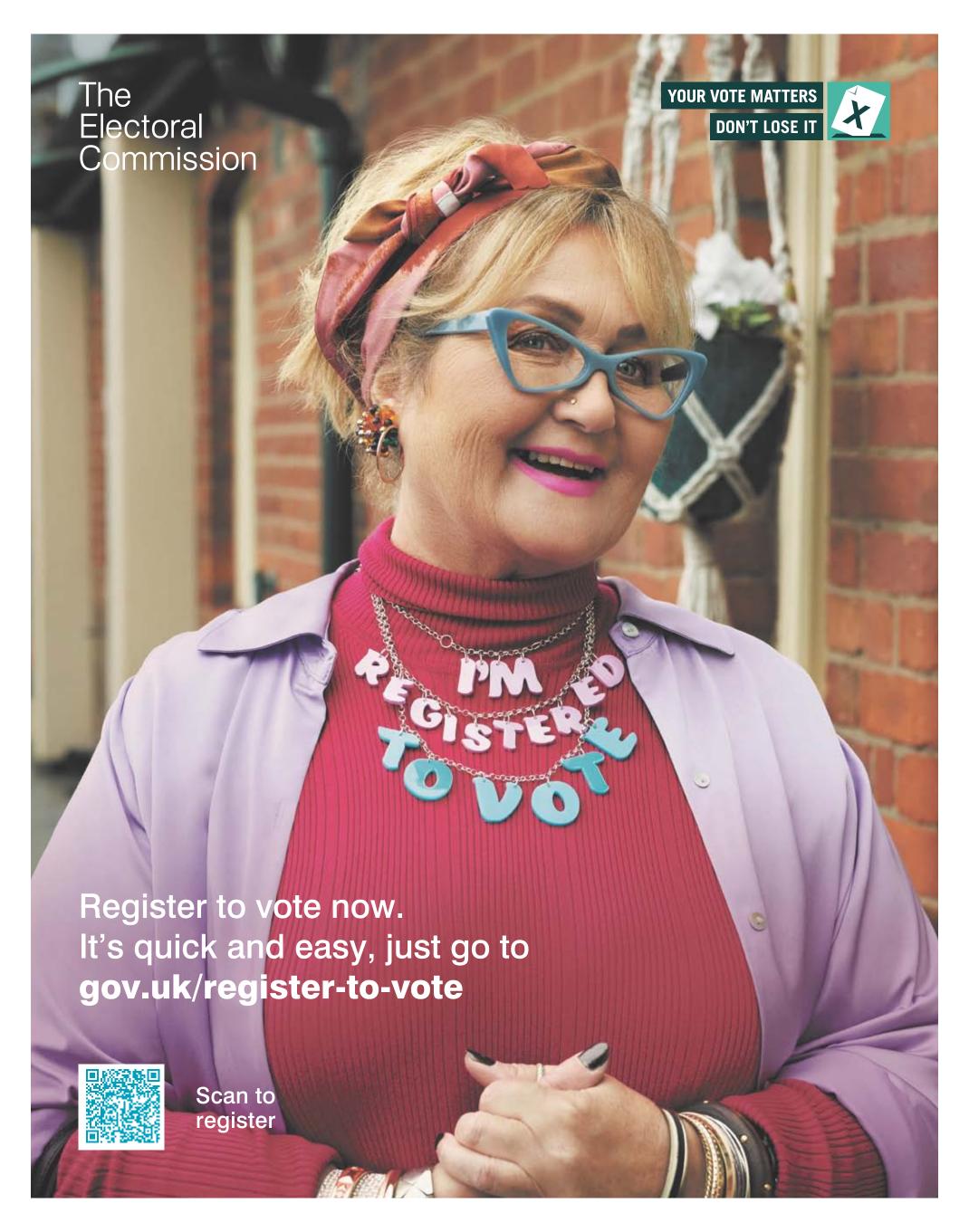
But he's also pleased to see his on-screen wife, played by Emma D'arcy, take more of a central role in this time. He added: "Emma is such

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a talented actor and a very deep,









TRAGIC Sheku Bayoh

#### Sheku family in plea over cop charges

SHEKU Bayoh's family have called for the public inquiry into his death to be allowed to probe why cops were not charged over the incident.

Speaking after a meeting with Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes yesterday, their lawyer Aamar Anwar said it was "unacceptable" that charges had not been brought against any

officer involved.

He said the family told
Forbes of their "anger and upset" that Police Scotland appeared to be rowing back on recognising institutional racism, and called for "meaningful change" to follow on from the inquiry.

Dad-of-two Sheku died after being restrained by six cops in Kirkcaldy on May 3, 2015. The inquiry into his death is ongoing. Police Scotland have been contacted for comment.



PITCHER HOUSE Tiger

## Tiger & Justin face wait on Scots bar bid

BY **DAVID MEIKLE** 

TIGER Woods and Justin Timberlake have been told they'll have to wait for permission to transform a historic cinema into an entertainment venue.

The stars want to turn the New Picture House in St Andrews into a bar and restaurant in the town known as the home of golf.

Woods and Timberlake, who operate a bar under the T-Squared Social name in New York, want to bring their brand to Scotland.

The category-B listed cinema venue sits near the Old Course, where Woods twice won The Open.

Fife Council said they would not be able to make a decision until at least July.

An earlier report had raised concerns about the impact on the building and original paintings by artist Ada Hill Walker.



changed our lives High blood pressure couple pay tribute after his death

BY **SASKIA ROWLANDS** 

#### A COUPLE helped by one of Dr Michael Mosley's TV programmes have hailed him for transforming their lives.

Ambrose King and Ricardo Nunez, who went on the show to get their blood pressure under control, are paying the tribute to make their gratitude known to

his family. Michael, 67 was found dead during holiday on the Greek island of

Symi last week. Ambrose, 46, and Ricardo, 51, appeared on his Channel 4 show Secrets of Your Big Shop this year.

Ambrose said: "We'd been told for the last 10 years we needed to lose weight and get healthier, but it wasn't until meeting Michael that we took the advice on board and decided to change.

"Michael was not only a lovely guy, he changed every aspect of our lives for the better."

Ambrose, who also suffers from kidney failure, added: "We were on large doses of blood pressure medication before tarting the show.

"Our levels are now back to normal and our doses have been halved.

"Ricardo struggled with sleep and would often wake up with a pounding heart, but that's also completely transformed.

"It wasn't about weight loss, it was about reducing our

medication and changing the way we shop, which in turn made us healthier

family."

TV doctor Michael was on holiday with his wife Clare when he went missing after going for a walk on his own.

His body was found four days later near a beach resort. It is thought the dad-of-four got lost and died because of the 40C

Ambrose and Ricardo, from Sheffield, say the death has left them "deeply saddened".

Ambrose said: "After the show finished Michael would email regularly asking how we were getting on. We owe him a lot and want his [family] to know that."

# Broadcaster's 5 health books in top 20 bestsellers

#### BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

FIVE of Michael Mosley's books are in the Amazon top 20 charts as the broadcaster's legacy lives on as a best-selling author.

His Fast 800 diet book is

number nine in the non-fiction charts, with over 14,000 reviews.

His spin-off The Fast 800 Recipe book, which was penned by his wife Dr Clare Bailey and features his foreword, is at 15. And his

health guide Just One Thing, aired in a BBC Radio Four series, is at 16, with The 8-Week Blood Sugar Diet at 17, and The Fast Diet at 18 in the retailer's top-selling charts.

The Fast 800 launched the 5:2

Diet six years ago, promoting intermittent fasting.

The book claims: "Recent studies have shown that 800 calories is the magic number when it comes to successful dieting."

#### **Woman dies** in A9 crash

A WOMAN has died and four others were seriously injured in a crash on the A9.

The 65-year-old, who was pronounced dead at the scene, was a passenger in a van which collided with a car near Carrbridge at 10.15pm on Wednesday.

The male van driver, 64, a woman, 33, and man, 39, who were passengers, were taken to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness, along with the 51-year-old male driver of the car.

Police have appealed for witnesses.

#### Cops in £70k hash swoop

CANNABIS plants worth £70,000 were found in a boarded up house by cops. Loc Din Tran, 25,

admitted producing the Class B drug in Cumbernauld between May 7 and August 7 last year.

Airdrie Sheriff Court heard police went to the house after an anonymous call, where they recovered 208 cannabis plants. Tran was found in the bathroom.

Sentence was deferred on him until next month for reports and he was remanded in custody.



23.3nm on the Saturday and Sunday respectively.

The activity reached its peak at 160bpm during Ready For It? Swifties created 80kW of

been recognised as "ground shaking".

Each followed a

similar seismic

power during the song, equivalent to 6000 car batteries.

BGS seismologist Callum Harrison said: 'It's amazing we've been able to measure the reaction of concert-goers through our data.

"Scotland's reputation for providing some of the most enthusiastic audiences remains well intact.

Taylor, 34, yesterday told of her love for her Scottish fans after her Edinburgh gigs.

Sharing photos from the gigs on Insta, she told her 283million followers: "Edinburgh! You truly blew me away this weekend.

"Thank you for breaking the attendance record for a stadium show in Scotland three times in a row and for all the ways you made us feel right at home. Love you, all 220,000 of you!!!'





**HALVED** Red deer numbers

#### Cairngorms culls 'boost woodlands'

BY MIKE MERRITT

DEER numbers in the Cairngorms have been more than halved by culls since the 90s – leading to the regeneration of ancient woodlands, says a report.

It also urges the Scottish Government to consider using its model of co-operative working to get deer numbers down 'rather than heavy-handed regulatory approaches".

The annual deer count by the Upper Deeside and Donside Land Management Group, a collaboration of land managers covering a quarter of the national park, shows numbers fell from 8411 in 1996 to 4054 in 2024.

The group said this has led to improvements to native woodlands, while facilitating moorland management.



WALKOUT Strike last year

## Former staff bid to reopen strike-hit bar

BY **JOLENE CAMPBELL** 

EX-WORKERS at a bar have lodged a bid to reopen it after it closed its doors when staff went on strike.

The 13th Note in Glasgow's Merchant City shut last July after workers walked out in a row over pay and conditions.

Ex-staff have led the campaign to reclaim the venue which they say will "provide Glasgow with a multi-centre that reinvests in the local community".

The Unite union yesterday said the bid had been submitted, adding: "Our members at 13th Note have lodged their bid to take over their former workplace under workers'

Ex-owner Jacqueline Fennessy said she called in liquidators after a "dramatic reduction in revenue" as a result of the strikes



# GLITTER COULD LOSE FORTUNE TO VICTIMS



**RAKING IT IN Disgraced Glitter** 

PAEDOPHILE Gary Glitter could lose his multi-millionpound fortune after more women came forward to sue him, a source said.

The disgraced rocker, 80, was this week told to pay more than £500,000 for abusing a 12-yearold girl in the 70s.

Lawyers are believed to be confident they can get more cash from Glitter's estate.

He was jailed for 16 years in 2015 for assaulting three schoolgirls between 1975 and 1980.

A judge at the High Court said this week that one of them is entitled to £508,000 compensation to cover the time Glitter's £2million flat in Baker

#### Pop predator faces more lawsuits by women BY TOM PETTIFOR Street, central London. On top bars, on radio, at a sports event

she has been unable to work and the suffering he caused her.

It is not known if the women, thought to have recently instructed solicitors, were involved in the UK court case.

A source said: "More victims have come forward."

Documents filed to Companies House show a firm Glitter founded, now run by

It would mean he is earning sociates, has £137,873 in assets. It paid off the mortgage on on every "public performance,"

of that are the royalties he is understood to still be raking in while in jail. A source said: Though some were paused some years ago, it may not be the

case with all of them." Glitter had sold 18million records by 1975 and, despite no longer owning the master rights, he is thought to still get half the

royalties as songwriter.

or on TV.

By 2013, he had reportedly earned £1million from Oasis track Hello, which uses a sample of his lyrics.

The rocker served two-and-ahalf years in jail in Vietnam from 2006 for sexually abusing two girls, aged 10 and 11.

He was convicted of two indecent assaults and a charge of sex with an under-18 in relation to the woman who sued when his tunes are played in him, the court heard.



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# GO'S NEXT STEP

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD** 

FORMER Strictly professional Giovanni Pernice will keep dancing, despite leaving the show amid allegations about his conduct.

The Italian, who appeared on the BBC Saturday night staple from 2015 until last year, is hosting dance classes for

members of the public later this month. Giovanni, 33, has been accused of abusive or threatening behaviour by ex-dance partners, which he denied.

Ballas and Anton Du

will take place around the country. Actress Amanda Abbington, 52, was partnered with Pernice last year but He will appear alongside pulled out of the series for "personal Strictly judges Shirley

reasons"

Organised by company Ballando, they

Strictly pro to host dancing classes for public after exit Beke in the upcoming dance workshops. with "mild PTSD" because of the dancer's "awful" behaviour towards her.

But he has been defended by another former dance partner, Debbie McGee, the widow of magician Paul Daniels, who has said: "My experience The star has since claimed she was left on Strictly will always be happy. Gio nurtured me through my grief and gave me confidence I could do things I thought was beyond me."

Legal firm Carter-Ruck, acting for the complainants, said the BBC is gathering evidence but the broadcaster has not confirmed that any probe has begun.

Giovanni has said he is keen to clear his name. "No one is more ambitious for my partners than me," he said. "I have always striven to help them be the best dancers they can be.

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# FREE PAIR OF WRISTBANDS New bus services introduced to **M&D's Scotland's Theme Park**

#### We've teamed up with M&D's Scotland's Theme Park to give every reader two FREE wristbands.

Take up this offer and you will enjoy a fun family day out. That's not all - you can step back in time with a Jurassic adventure into the world of dinosaurs.

Featuring a host of life-like dinosaurs including a Velociraptor and its adorable babies, the Theme Park will host free family interactive daily shows plus you will have the chance to meet the prehistoric mammals.

From 29 June to 11 August the exclusive 'How to Train Your Velociraptor' free show will take place daily at 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.30pm and 5pm.

Located next to Strathclyde Country Park. M&D's is one of Scotland's top visitor attractions. The Theme Park features thrill rides and family rides, as well as a host of activities, for all age groups.

Special features include Amazonia, an indoor tropical rainforest with exotic animals and plants, Devil's Island Adventure Golf, Cosmic Bowl, a ten-pin bowling alley, and Krazy Congo

Soft Play. There are also many food outlets to enjoy, from snacks to restaurant meals, including the award winning American themed diner Monterey Jack's.

Car parking and entry into the Theme Park is free. Further information is available from scotlandsthemepark. com. Terms and conditions apply, please see voucher for details.

#### scotland's theme park

The voucher is for two free 'ride all day' wristbands only on the following dates: June 15, 16, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. July 1-7 2024. The offer is valid only for the dates specified. This offer is not valid in conjunction with any other

offer. Height restrictions apply. The wristband does not include coin operated prize winning games, specialist rides and attractions. Original copies only no photocopies will be accepted. Normal Theme Park Terms & Conditions apply visit scotlandsthemepark.com/terms-conditions for further details.



M&D's has also teamed up with First Bus to provide two unique bus services to the Theme Park this summer. From 29 June until 13 August the X7 Express Bus Service will run from Buchanan Bus Station from just £8.00 for an adult and £6.00 for a child which also includes a £4 discount off a Theme Park wristband or a game of golf at Devil's Island Adventure Golf.

Lanarkshire residents can also take advantage of a new First Bus Service 247 route to the Theme Park which will pick up at various points including Hamilton Bus Station, Motherwell and Bellshill. Time-table, routes and fares for both services can be found at www. scotlandsthemepark.com/



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## ON HIS CAREER AND TURNING 75

# Soul star nearly turned down hit

BY JACKIE ANNETT

E'S a kid from Alabama who stumbled into music by accident, swapped the saxophone for vocals and ended up singing at King Charles'

But if Lionel Richie had his own way, many of his greatest hits might have ended up on the cutting room floor - including 1984's Hello, which spent six weeks as UK number one.

The soul legend once told the BBC's Steve Wright that he was terrible at deciding which songs would be hits.

He said: "I'm the worst person at selecting, that's why I finish the songs and then play them for someone.

"Because I tell you the ones I threw out: All Night Long, Running with the Night and Hello.

"Not to mention Brick House – I absolutely thought it was the worst.

"And Three Times a Lady? I mean. how excited was I to put that out during disco? Not excited!

"These are the songs where I said 'don't put them out, it could ruin my career'. Nowadays, I just write them and back out of the room."

To mark Lionel's 75th birthday next week, the BBC has put together a collection of some of most his m e m o r a b l e interviews including the 2012 chat with Radio 2 legend Steve, who died in February aged 69.

In 2004, he told Michael Parkinson how he stumbled into music.

"All of my friends were in the clergy, all of my mentors, they could play basketball, ping pong and shoot pool better than anyone in town and so

I decided I would go to church as and the speech that he gave was you get to play pool and ping pong," he said.

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**LIONEL RICHIE**, ABOVE WITH DIANA ROSS

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university... I ran into three guys times and the lean times. from the Commodores and I

going to be a priest'." Lionel joined the Commodores as a saxophonist in 1968. Recalling his early days in the band, he told Jools Holland: "We met as freshmen on campus.

"It was an amazing experience. I started playing the horn but as time went on they asked me to sing the songs and asked me to be the vocalist. One song after the next, I

started to develop more confidence so I put the horn down."

The Commodores soon became support act to the idea? the Jackson Five, and scored UK top 10 hits with Easy, Three Times Still - all written by Lionel.

In 1996, he told Jools Holland how he drew on real-life experiences for his songwriting – a speech his father gave at his parents' 37th wedding anniversary inspired global smash

Three Times a Lady. Lionel said: "Dad got up to make the toast

that he wanted to just thank my mother for all of the sticking by him "I was supposed to go to through the good times and the bad

remember calling the Bishop on the opportunity to say thank you and the crowd just lose it... I've never tomorrow and available on BBC phone and saying 'I don't think I'm how much he loved her. I said: seen anything like this before in my Sounds from today.

'What a great story, because I pass life, people over 90, through my house everyday and I they're up dancing!" don't say thank you.'

"I just take for granted certain Best Original Song things will be done and I said: 'I wonder how many other guys are in that position?

"Of course, I found out later on that the whole world was in that same position, because that song just went right around the world.

"But to bring my father back up at the end, he's been calling me probably every year since then and asking me: Are you sure I don't get a royalty for coming up with

Meanwhile, Still tells both sides of the story of his married friends who broke up, and Sail On was inspired by another friend who turned up at a Lady, Sail On and his house at 3am saying he never wanted to see his wife again.

Despite his global fame, Lionel is showing no sign of slowing down.

He is touring America, having visited the UK last year to play for King Charles and headline Glastonbury.

But, according to the man himself, a hectic schedule is nothing new.

He and Diana Ross recorded 1981 duet Endless Love in just two hours - between 3am and 5am one morning, the only time their schedules aligned.

Lionel told Wright his favourite tracks were solo hits All Night Long, Dancing on the Ceiling and Hello.

He added: "Dancing on the "He just wanted to take this Ceiling because if you've ever seen

While winning a Oscar for Say You, Say Me from 1985's White Nights was a career highlight, performing at Glastonbury in 2023 didn't disappoint.

That was as good as it gets," he told Jo Whiley. "Even after all my years of performing. It was the perfect show, when the crowd took over like that."

But despite an amazing career, he never imagined he would be asked to take part in King Charles' coronation.

Every once in a while, you get a chance to step into history," he told Kirsty Young. "I'm from Alabama and he's from the Royal Family but we have the same heart."

And the heart has been at the centre of his stellar career.

As he told Steve Wright: "Love is the only subject that never goes out of style.

Lionel Richie at the BBC is on BBC Radio 2





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# their murdered classmates.

Newtown High School's class of 2024 includes about 60 students who were at the school on December 14, 2012, when Adam Lanza shot dead 20 children, aged six and seven, and six adults.

It is the second deadliest school shooting in US history and the fourth worst mass shooting.
One survivor, Emma Ehrens,

remembered the moment Lanza burst into classroom 10 at Sandy Hook.

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She said: "The shooter actually came into my classroom. So I had to watch all my friends and teachers get killed and I had to run for my life at six years old.

"Just growing up with having the fear and the what-ifs of what could have happened if I stayed. Because I was reingte he wet." going to be next."

Another, Lilly Wasilnak, 17, said: "You wait for this day for your whole life since you're in kindergarten. You just can't wait to graduate. And it felt so far away for such a long time... but I think we can't forget about [the fact] there is a whole chunk of our class missing.

"And so, going into graduation, we all have very mixed emotions - trying to be excited for ourselves and this accomplishment that we've worked so hard for, but also those who aren't able to share it with us, who should have

Many of the survivors say they continue to live with the trauma of that Friday morning. Loud noises still cause them to jump out of their seats and some always scan a room for the exits.

Many have spent years in therapy for post-traumatic stress, depression and anxiety. The quiet town of Newtown, Connecticut, provided an array of services to the families.

Officials shielded them as much as possible from the media and outsiders

who was in a classroom down the hall from the shooting.

He added: "I think leaving and being able to make new memories and meet



MEMORIAL A US flag at massacre scene





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new people, even if we'll be more isolated away from people who have stories like us, we'll be more free to kind of write our own story and not let this one event when we were very young define our lifetimes."

A number of Sandy Hook survivors

day of my presidency".

He proposed a large series of new laws designed to curb gun violence, including reforms to the US background check system, a ban on assault rifles and background checks on most private gun sales.

But a number of the measures were thwarted by mainly Republican senators.

Newtown High School Principal Kimberly Longobucco read the names of the first graders who were killed in the shooting, along with the six adults, as the Class of 2024 and their families looked on.

We remember them for their bravery, kindness and spirit," she said. "Let us strive to honour them, today and every day.

Newtown School's superintendent Chris Melillo told the 335 graduates: "Life is too short to do something that doesn't ignite your soul. Never settle for anything less than what sets your heart afire."

Lanza's massacre began when he killed his mother at their Newtown home.

He then drove her car to the school and shot his way through the door before gunning down children and their teachers.

The 20-year-old turned one of his guns on himself five minutes later, as first responders arrived at the scene.

In 2022, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones was ordered to pay £1.2billion to relatives of Sandy Hook victims after he compounded their agony by claiming the massacre was a staged "false flag" event.

The Virginia Tech shooting of 2007, in which 32 people died, remains America's worst-ever school shooting.

The Las Vegas shooting of 2017, which killed 60, and the attack on the Pulse nightclub in Orlando in 2016, which claimed 49 lives, are the country's deadliest

According to the K-12 School Shooting Database, America has had almost 2000 shootings, with 1485 deaths and injuries.



YOU BEAUTY Make-up box

## No need to be fussy at beauty box deal

BY **SIMON HAMALIENKO** 

BOOTS has just dropped a beauty box that's a summer scorcher.

The high street giant has unveiled a Limited Edition Buyers Picks Beauty Box, offering savings of more than £100.

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The £45 bundle includes products handpicked by Boots' shopping experts, featuring top brands like Fenty Beauty, Sol De Janeiro, Liz Earle and r. e. m beauty.

According to Boots, the box is valued at £156.95, meaning shoppers can pocket a saving of around £110 on the RRP.

It contains 12 items, six of which are full-sized, averaging out to £3.75 per product. Given that the r.e.m beauty highlighter and Liz Earle Cleanse and Polish alone are worth £24 and £20 respectively, it's a significant bargain. The cost of these two products nearly covers the price of the entire box, essentially making the rest free.

Among other standout items are the Urban Decay All Nighter Setting Spray, Sol De Janeiro Drench Body Butter and Fenty Beauty Gloss Bomb Fussy.

The lipgloss, priced at £19, has been a hit with beauty enthusiasts for its "explosive shine" and nourishing formula. Fussy is described as a "soft romantic pink" that flatters everyone, instantly enhancing lips to appear fuller and smoother, with a non-sticky texture and irresistible peach-vanilla scent.

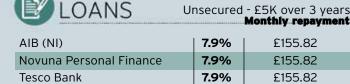
The gloss has a 4.5 star rating on the Boots website. One satisfied customer wrote: "Bought this in shade fussy after trying a friend's and I'm obsessed. I've just ordered the Fenty Glow shade as well. I'm a make-up artist and have so many lipsticks and glosses and this is my absolute favourite that I've ever used on myself and now my clients. Lasts forever and the gloss look doesn't fade at all. Thank you Fenty!

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Taurus April 21 - May 21 YOU need something new to get your teeth into. Enrol on a to get your teeth into. Enror on a study course that captures your imagination. Take any opportunity to make better use of your skills and creative potential. A workplace experiment could lead to an incredible and exciting breakthrough.

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Gemini May 22 - June 20 A SENIOR colleague is not as knowledgeable in some subjects as they make themselves out to be. If you follow their advice, you could get into trouble. If you have questions about someone's words, iews or directions, get a second opinion. Handle important issues on your own.

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Cancer June 21 - July 22 AN INTERESTING offer will be received but this will need some thinking over. If it involves you having to take on more commitments or you're being expected to pay upfront, is this really the fantastic opportunity that someone is making it out

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Leo July EVEN if it is an July 23 - August 22 inconvenience you seem to have no choice about having to attend an official meeting. You might be asked to take charge of arrangements at a moment's notice or your boss will demand that you rejuggle your schedule in order

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Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22 SOMEONE is promising bigger things than they are actually capable of delivering. They may not intentionally do so but you will need to ask plenty of questions to determine which are the most realistic and sincere offers and which aren't likely to ever

Libra Sept 23-0c
THERE'S a temptation to
pass on some work, tasks or responsibilities to someone else. If you do, you won't be able to complain when they get all the credit. If you disagree with the increasing charges of some services, find out exactly what vour rights are.

Sept 23-Oct 23

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22 IT SEEMS unfair to have to stand back and watch a workmate who is clearly struggling. It might go against a senior colleague's wishes, but you will somehow find a way to help and support others and you will do this in a way that ensures no-one else finds out about it.

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Sagittarius Nov23-Dec21

THE demands of a possessive friend or partner are making you uncomfortable. If you keep giving in and allowing them to get their own way, you're in danger of losing your identity. You want to make people happy but you can't do this when your goods aren't being. your own needs aren't being acknowledged.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20 PREPARE well in advance if you are to entertain visitors from afar. Make use of your creative skills to add decorative touches to your home. Give careful thought to the comfort of your guests to make this an unforgettable visit. Are you single? Someone will be playing hard to get.

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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

DISCUSSIONS and activities within a local group will be mind expanding. You could find yourself mixing with some unconventional people and it will be fun and entertaining to have this chance to see the world and others in it from a new perspective. Be prepared to

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#### DAILY PRAYER "AND He took bread, and gave thanks.'' St Luke 22:19

It's a wonderful spirit to be able to thank God for such a common thing as bread the spirit for which life is always full of wonder.



#### Dear Coleen

MY confidence is so low that I've pulled myself from a group of friends I've known for more than 30 years. I feel that one friend in particular is looking at me as "the fat one".

I'm curvy and have awful 40E breasts, which I hate, and my thyroid medication leads to weight gain.

My friends are all skinny, so when we're having photos taken, I go at the back. They say they love me but I feel they don't and just say it.

They can wear anything and look amazing and I feel the odd one out. It's affected my mental health so badly that I left our WhatsApp group.

When I was approached about this, I explained how I felt. This one friend replied that she didn't understand my mental health issues and said she felt angry I'd left the group, adding, "You were out having fun on Friday – maybe you need to be around friends who understand you".

She was referring to me being out with my colleagues.

I was on top of the world after spending an amazing few days with them. I'm a carer in the

community and my job facts are. Do your friends make keeps me thinking positively, especially when dealing with palliative care and MND, dementia and Parkinson's patients. But I get home after a nine-hour shift and go right back to feeling anxious again.

I have a 60th birthday celebration planned with my friends - a night away, which I've paid for – and don't know whether to go or not.

I'd love your advice.

#### Coleen says

WELL, this friend sounds insensitive and dismissive but maybe she's hurt you left the group, so she's lashing out a bit. I think it would be good to

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think honestly about how much of what you feel is coming from your insecurities and how much is coming from how your friends are treating you.

When you're feeling really low and anxious, your mind can convince you of anything and you tune into negative thoughts. But just because you think something, doesn't make it true. Check your thoughts and ask what the your colleagues instead?

you stand at the back for photos, or do you put yourself there? Have they actually commented on your weight?

You've obviously known them for a long time and if they're good friends, they will listen and support you through it.

Maybe they need educating on mental health but I'm certain your appearance has never been an issue for them they're your friends because of

There's always one friend you get on best with, so why not sit down with her and have a heart to heart? Then she can talk to the others.

What's clear is that you need to build your self-esteem. You

do amazing work, your patients are grateful for all you do and you have a great bunch of colleagues to socialise with.

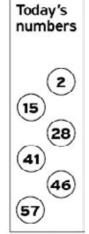
That's all so positive and, if you can focus more on

the good stuff in your life, you'll feel more secure. Finally, it's also perfectly OK to move on from friends. If you don't want to do the birthday party, why not see

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# SOCIAL LIFE

# **TECH** it out

# Console yourself with Xbox

THREE new Xbox consoles are coming soon. Microsoft announced

Microsoft announced the launch of an Xbox Series X 1TB Digital Edition, which ditches the physical CD drive.

There's also an Xbox Series X Galaxy Black Special Edition, which gets a whopping 2TB hard drive and a new paint job, plus you'll soon be able to buy an Xbox Series S in Robot White with 1TB of storage.

Along with those, Xbox fans have a swathe of new games to look forward to.

Call Of Duty Black Ops 6, which features all the explosions and bombast you'd expect, will arrive this year

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We're also getting a
new Doom game for the
first time in years, called
The Dark Ages.

Assassin's Creed Shadows launches on November 15 and the impressive-looking Indiana Jones and the Great Circle title is also on its way

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Day.

# O2 gets its spam to scram

MILLIONS of O2 customers are getting a free upgrade aimed at blocking appoying spam

blocking annoying spam.
The UK network is
rolling out Brand ID,
which it hopes will reduce
the amount of calls you
receive from unknown
numbers.

The technology is being rolled out automatically to millions of O2 pay-monthly and business customers over





#### **EA SPORTS F1 24** ★★★★ from £69.99

ELECTRONIC Arts really has doubled down on the authenticity with this year's F1 game.

But developer Codemasters hasn't forgotten that, between the tyre and gear tweaks, the authentic feel of the engines and the desire for track recreation perfection, players still expect a video game.

And the resulting title here is a great mix of realistic immersion with still, very much, a gamer's game to enjoy at the heart of it.

We can access the world's 20 best racers and take them on our personal single-player journey through the F1 Grand Prix circuit.

Several tracks in the game have been improved, including Silverstone and Spa, to make them look even more like the real things.

Hit the road with F124 and you won't be disappointed. EA Sports F124 (Xbox S/X, PS5, PC £69.99)

# iPhone Al will make us all look smarter

# 'Intelligent' upgrade

## A VERY smart free upgrade is coming to iPhones later this year.

It's called Apple Intelligence and it will help you write emails, organise your messages and even create unique emojis thanks to a feature called Genmoji.

Want all your photos to look picture-perfect? Apple's feature-packed update will also remove unwanted photo bombers and add some instant sparkle to your holiday snaps.

It will transcribe recordings into editable text, generate instant images from a simple description you give it and will clean up your inbox so you'll only see important messages.

Apple's Siri smart assistant is also getting smarter and will

be able to perform a swathe of tasks simply by you asking. For example, if a friend texts you their new address in messages, just say: "Add this address to contact cards," and it will be taken care of.

It can even scan emails and messages for things such as flight details that may have been sent to you.

"We're thrilled to introduce a new chapter in Apple innovation. Apple Intelligence will transform what users can do with our products – and what our products can do for our users," said Tim Cook, the company's CEO.

It will arrive on certain devices – including the iPhone 15 Pro – in the autumn so watch this space.



BRITISH Apple fans can finally go virtual from next

The US tech giant has just confirmed its Vision Pro headset will go on sale in UK stores from July 12.

These smart specs mix the real and virtual worlds together, allowing you to see your surroundings while interacting with apps and games using your hands as the controllers.

Start saving now - the new tech will cost £3499 to own.









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#### **Paul McCartney** & Wings

One Hand Clapping

THEIR Band On the Run album had been No1 for seven weeks when Wings went into Abbev Road Studios to film a documentary.

One Hand Clapping was the never-released soundtrack.

Consequently, it became one of pop's most bootlegged live

Fifty years on, this is its first official outing in its entirety and the band were clearly having fun.

Macca ends the first LP with a cheery version of the Tin Pan Alley jazz standard Baby Face - No2 in 1959 for Little Richard.

Disc two includes a jaunty take on bluegrass standard Blue Moon of Kentucky, the B-side of Elvis's first single, plus Denny Laine singing the



Moody Blues hit Go Now. The set mixes Wings classics - Jet, Band On yhe Run, My Love - with some of Paul's classiest Beatles songs.

There's Let It Be and a truncated piano version of The Long & Winding Road that morphs into Lady Madonna.

It also includes the first recording of I'll Give You A Ring, not released as a Wings B-side until 1982.

Small joys include a

93-second take on Power Cut. iust Paul and a Hammond organ. and his leisurely piano version of Tomorrow.

The 2xLP vinyl package opens with the title track, a relaxed, bluesy instrumental with fine lead guitar from Jimmy McCulloch, who also sparkles on Hi, Hi, Hi.

It's not entirely new.

Some songs were on the Band On the Run Archive Collection CD box-set and this version of Live and Let Die featured on the 2003 film The In-Laws.

It comes with a bonus Backyard EP of six previously unavailable tracks, including a playful Blackpool, and covers of Buddy Holly's Peggy Sue and Eddie Cochran's 20 Flight Rock.

Yet, oddly, considering that it was all filmed, there's no accompanying



#### **Luke Combs Fathers And Sons**

NORTH Carolina-born Combs is a country sensation, even notching up two UK Top Ten albums. His third swerves country-rock to serve up heartfelt ballads about being a dad to two boys.

His voice is as worn as hand-me-down leans and the songs have poignancy but you might feel Cat Stevens said more in three minutes.



#### **Charli XCX**

Brat

AFTER the poppy diversion of Crash. Charli is back to her true self, hammering us with the incessant dance attack of Club Classics. Highs include catchy Von Dutch, jaunty Mean Girl - dissing viperish snobs - and the soothing sincerity of I Might Say Something Stupid - a respite after jagged confessional Sympathy Is A Knife.



#### **Gareth Dunlop** Welcome To The House Of I Don't Know

BELFAST-BORN Dunlop has a knack for penning emotional numbers infused with soulful Americana, You might know his songs without knowing it. they've featured on films and TV shows like Suits and House.

He moves closer to 80s synth-pop here but there's real warmth in anthemic tracks such as Go Down Swinging.

# OVIES

STAR RATINGS

★★★ Excellent

Worth a look





#### **INSIDE OUT 2**

Cert U ★★★★ In cinemas now

Y adolescent years would have been a lot more bearable if I had been able to watch Inside Out 2 when I was in the throes of teenage anxiety.

Riley, the protagonist in Pixar's 2015 film Inside Out, returns for its sequel as a 13 year old on the brink of puberty, and we watch as her existing emotions - Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust – get usurped by four new, more complex feelings that wreak havoc on Headquarters.

Anxiety, played by Stranger Things' Maya Hawke, becomes the star of the show, her toothy grin, zany hair and wild eyes

wonderfully animated as an eerily accurate physical manifestation of the emotion.

She's joined by Envy, played by The Bear's Avo Edebiri; Embarrassment, played by Black Bird's Paul Walter Hauser; and Ennui, played by Blue Is the Warmest Colour star Adele Exarchopoulos. Together they banish Riley's childhood

emotions and take control, believing they're doing what's best to keep her straight on the rocky road ahead.

Young fans of Inside Out, now almost a decade older, will be similarly dealing with the complicated emotions teenagehood brings, and the expansion of the world of Riley's mind to include all the new feelings

A respectful exploration of puberty's impact, along with some

cracking jokes

of adolescence is a brilliant way to continue the story.

This makes things more nuanced without sacrificing charm and never pokes fun at Riley and her teenage confusion.

Instead, it's a respectful and relatable exploration of puberty's psychological impact, with some cracking jokes to boot, complete with the adventurous scale of animation that makes Pixar so beloved.

It's colourful, glowing and warm. The entire film drips with charisma, immediately hooking you into its premise and keeping your attention with its glorious visuals and charming characters.

Inside Out 2 is a fantastic example of how to do a sequel.

#### ULTRAMAN: RISING

Cert PG \*\*\* On Netflix now

WRITER-DIRECTOR Shannon Tindle's high-octane computer-animated adventure adds a lustrous sheen to the superpowered Japanese character dating back to the mid-1960s.



**SURROGATE** 'Parent' Ultraman caring for the baby kaiju

Los Angeles Dodgers baseball star Ken Sato (voiced by Christopher Sean) flies home to Japan to join the ranks of the Yomiuri Giants under hard-nosed coach Shimura (Artt Butler).

Secretly, the prodigal son has begrudgingly returned to Tokyo to take up the mantle as superhero Ultraman from his injured father (Gedde Watanabe).

During a fight between Gigantron and the Kaiju Defence Force, led by scheming Dr Onda (Keone Young), Ultraman inherits the creature's newly hatched baby kaiju and the superhero embraces surrogate parenthood with fervour.

Tindle and co-writer Marc Haimes, who previously worked together on the Oscar-nominated stop-motion fantasy Kubo and the Two Strings, evoke the wondrous film version of The Iron Giant with striking imagery of a giant robot protector towering over a wide-eyed

The Incredibles is another reference point with comical intergenerational angst punctuated by thunderous action-oriented set pieces. Stylised visuals are crisply rendered and a tragedy-laden storyline isn't overstuffed, setting up - somewhat predictably - a teaser in the end credits for a sequel.



#### **ARCADIAN**

Cert **15** ★★★ In cinemas now

CONCEIVED by screenwriter Michael Nilon during the pandemic, Arcadian is a post-apocalyptic survival thriller that imagines a deadly virus knocking humans off their pedestals, giving birth to gnarled, nocturnal beasts that hunt our ravaged species under a cloak of darkness.

 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{ Director Benjamin Brewer's picture unfolds through the }$ eyes of a stricken family rallying against the otherworldly predators from a fortified farmhouse stronghold.

The claustrophobic set-up is eerily reminiscent of the 2017 psychological horror It Comes at Night starring Joel Edgerton, and the climactic scenes in A Quiet Place. However, Brewer stages his slick set pieces with the volume turned up and suspense dialled down to tolerable.

Creature design melds cartoonish and grotesque elements with staccato bursts of sound created when the beasts rapidly clack their jaws before they coalesce into a giant wheel and roll en masse after fugitive prey. A creepy centrepiece involving one digitally rendered interloper relies too heavily on crazy good fortune to withstand scrutiny.

Nicolas Cage's performances are usually the craziest element on screen but in Arcadian the Oscar winner is surprisingly understated as a father willing to sacrifice everything. He allows young co-stars Jaeden Martell and Maxwell Jenkins to shine, although the script lumbers them with occasionally clunky dialogue.

#### **SASQUATCH SUNSET**

Cert **15** ★★★ In cinemas now

SIR David Attenborough has been the soothing voice of the natural history world for decades. The veteran broadcaster has

witnessed many extraordinary sights on land, in the sea and the air - but it's unlikely he will have ever seen a tribe of bigfoots urinating, lactating and defecating with wild delirium to mark their territory.

Bodily fluids overflow in filmmaking brothers David and Nathan Zellner's hypnotic hike through the mist-cloaked forests of North America in the company of a ragtag tribe of human-like creatures.

Over the course of four seasons, captured by cinematographer Mike Gioulakis as if this were a

documentary, a mated couple (Jesse Eisenberg, Riley Keough), an elder male (Nathan Zellner) and an energetic youngster (Christophe Zajac-Denek) contend with a predatory mountain lion, poisonous mushrooms and the ferocity of the elements.

In amusing vignettes, one bigfoot gets high by sniffing a skunk's fur while another creates an imaginary friend from his balled-up fist.

Gentle laughs are frequently undercut by stunned silence. Death comes quickly and matter of factly.

Exemplary full-body foam latex suits fashioned by creature and prosthetics designer Steve Newburn allow the cast to vanish beneath pungent pelts matted with every conceivable excretion.

Answering the call of the wild is clearly exceedingly messy.





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SLUMP

housing market recovery as a leading builder issued a profit warning yesterday.

Crest Nicholson said: Momentum has softened slightly since Easter, reflecting the volatility in mortgage rates and the expectation of a base rate reduction coming later in the year than previously expected."

The looming general election had also created "short-

term uncertainty", it said.
Crest reported an 87.6 per cent sales slump in half-year profits, from £20.9million to £2.6m.

And in a warning that spooked investors, the firm said it expected annual profits to be between £22m and £29m, compared with the average £38m that analysts had pencilled in. The decline is

homes that it expects to complete.

Crest also cut its dividend to shareholders to 1p per share, down from 5.5p last year.

The firm has struggled to work through a pipeline of older, lower-margin sites of late, but also pointed to wider market forces for its most recent struggles.

Incoming chief executive Martyn Clark takes over from current boss Peter Truscott

Truscott insisted the company had "a clear and comprehensive plan to resolve the legacy and operational issues".

Separate research from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found members reporting fewer enquiries from would-be buyers, fewer sales and more price reductions than a month ago.

#### VIRGIN FEELS PRESSURE

VIRGIN Money has warned of "headwinds" from interest-rate cuts, and said it will face cost pressures as it pauses some restructuring efforts ahead of its £2.9billion takeover.

The lender - which in March agreed to be bought by rival Nationwide Building Society - reported an 18 per cent rise in profits to £279million for the six months to March 31. But it said it is braced for its net interest margin - a key performance measure for retail banks to be lower over the second half ahead of expected interest-rate cuts and ongoing competition in the sector.

company Fuller's has bucked the trend after toasting an "excellent year", with profits soaring 61 per cent to £20.5million. The firm said it was benefiting

from lower inflation in food and energy, plus strong demand. Its upbeat tone comes amid warnings of tough times for other landlords and a wave of closures.

Fuller's has 179 managed sites and 190 tenanted pubs.

#### FTSE 100 down **51.81** at **8163.67 0il = \$82.46**

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	Frasers Group	857.5	-16.5	J Sainsbury	258.2	+1.8
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	Halfords	142.2	-3.6	Severn Trent	2520.0	+101.0
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Shell	2724.0	-20.5
Smith & Nephew	1011.0	-4.5
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South African Rand	22.601
Swiss Franc	1.105
Thai Baht	
Turkish Lira	37.877
UAE Dirham	4.534
US Dollar	1.252

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# ECORD

#### with SARA WALLIS

PARANORMAL: THE VILLAGE THAT SAW ALIENS

BBC3, 9pm

WHEN 14 schoolboys from a village in Wales claimed to see a UFO in the playground, it sparked

The news, from the Broad Haven Primary School in Pembrokeshire, made headlines around the world

After the "sighting", none of the teachers believed them, so all the boys were placed under exam conditions and asked to draw what

They each drew a large silver craft with eerie similarities. But their "close encounter" was only the start. It triggered a wave of unexplained phenomena along the coastline. Digging over old reports, natural sceptic and Radio 1 presenter Sian

Eleri feels compelled to find out what

Broad Haven, where it all began - and

her first mission is to track down

drawings but will any of those

involved even speak to her after all

lands the case files from the original

investigator, Randall Jones Pugh.

There's a breakthrough when Sian

Reading the first-hand accounts

Sian tests other theories - did the

from the boys, she's struck by how

boys see a military craft? Was it a

Sian meets a woman who was at the

school at the time and is still haunted

And she uncovers a tape of a new

witness who takes the extraterrestrial

encounters to another level. Spooky.

playground joke that went too far? But things take a chilling turn when

She manages to trace the original

She heads to the seaside village of

a media frenzy.

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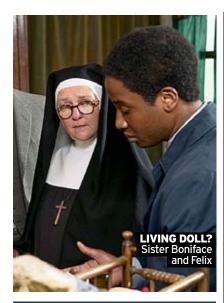
really happened.

the boys.

this time?

by it all.

petrified they were.



Drama, 9pm

WE ALL know the scariest of characters are dolls, perhaps second only to clowns.

In this creepy episode, Sister Boniface, played by Lorna Watson, finds herself on the hunt for a killer doll when a local toymaker is discovered stabbed to death in a locked room.

Salem's Dolls have been quietly keeping local children happy for decades but now the business finds it is thrust into the limelight when the shop owner Arthur Salem

(Richard Durden) is murdered.

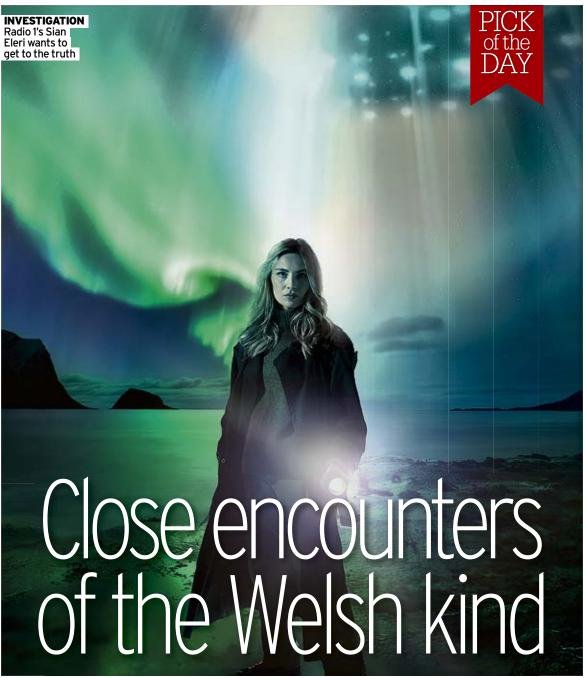
Sister Boniface soon notices that their new doll Harmony is close to the body, holding the murder weapon.

Defensive doll-painter Beth Moody

(Alexandra O'Neill) is the prime suspect with her criminal past but the rest of the suspects are equally as eccentric and suspicious.

Felix (Jerry Iwu) throws himself into the case to avoid difficult questions from his fiancée Victoria (Ayesha Griffiths). But can Sister Boniface unlock the mystery before the town of Great Slaughter falls into mass panic over an evil doll?







#### HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

AT THE 13th century Chirk Castle in Wrexham, Wales, there is an enduring mystery - a very rare, full-length portrait of a servant from the 18th century.

After years hanging next to an open fire, little can be seen of the man, John Wilton, under the lavers of soot and varnish - and little is known about who he is or why he was honoured in this way.

A conservation clean will now shed new light on Wilton, while

house manager Karen George and senior national curator John Chu trawl the castle's archives for more intel.

There are secrets at another imposing residence, Oxburgh Hall, on the edge of the Norfolk fenlands.

A rats' nest found under the floorboards contains scraps of clothes that could be centuries old. while a conservator's eye spies the true story of an overlooked portrait tucked away under the stairs.

And at Penrhyn Castle in Wales, the opening of the archives reveals the history of a 1900 quarry worker strike.

THE NEVERMETS

MORE online daters meet up in this heartwarming and occasionally tense show that reunites couples who have never met.

Social media manager Leah from Glasgow, 24, is preparing to meet her all-American lover Chad, who's 48 and lives with his 16-year-old daughter.

They've been talking online for two

Meanwhile, 38-year-old virgin Matt makes the epic 7000-mile journey to meet his first ever girlfriend, Maria,

after three years in an online relationship.

Jay and Veena await a decision on Veena's tourist visa that will allow her to visit Jay in the UK from her home in India.

Sarah and Jgoy spend their final 48 hours together in Manila, where Jgoy visits the British Embassy to apply for a tourist visa that would allow him to visit Sarah in Britain.

And Mazi finally shows up on time to meet up with Dumebi, hoping that his surprise date will be enough to win her over.



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film ratings Very Good Average Bad (R) Repeat

Today's previews

#### 9.30 Morning Live Magazine. 10.45 Scam Interceptors An elderly man in a remote community is targeted by scammers. 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer

Featuring a bungalow in the beautiful Norfolk Broads. (R) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt A pet-

BBC ONE

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines.

themed edition to celebrate the RSPCA's 200th anniversary.

1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.35 Reporting Scotland

1.45 BBC News at One; Weather

2.00 Hope Street A new taxi business opens in Port Devine.

2.45 Escape to the Country Buyers seek a move from the USA to the East Midlands.

3.45 Garden Rescue Designing an eco-friendly garden. (R)

4.30 The Finish Line Five more contestants compete.

5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong, with guest co-host Lucy Porter. (R)

6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 Reporting Scotland 6.55 Party Election Broadcast

BBC TWO

6.30am Homes Under the Hammer A bungalow in the beautiful Norfolk Broads. (R)

7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure In Barbados. (R)

8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals (R)

9.00 BBC News Headlines. 12.15pm Politics Live

1.00 Impossible Quiz. (R)

1.45 Mastermind The final. (R)

2.45 Five Bedrooms Everyone is frantically preparing the house to be sold. Last in series. (R)

3.35 Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy The actor explores Italian food in London. (R)

4.15 Great Bear Stakeout Part two of two. The grizzlies find food for the winter months. (R)

5.15 Flog It! A collection of previously unseen finds from the show's travels. (R)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite take part. (R)

6.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader explores Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic

A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.

9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.

6.00am Good Morning Britain

10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion.

12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.

1.30 ITV News; Weather

1.55 STV News; Weather 1.59 STV Pollen Count

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The Dealers set up at Crewe Hall, as James Layte bargains for a page turner, and Simon Schneider browses some celebrity reading material. (R)

3.00 Lingo Pairs compete in the word game. Adil Ray hosts. (R)

3.59 STV Weather Central

4.00 Tipping Point Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)

5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)

6.00 STV News at Six; Weather 6.14 STV Pollen Count

6.15 ITV Evening News; Weather

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Cheers Double bill. (R) **7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond** Four episodes. (R)

9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)

11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA The chef heads to Arizona. (R)

12.05pm Channel 4 News 12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A failing

1.10 Car S.O.S Revisiting vehicles from the first four series. (R)

2.10 Countdown With Sam Quek.

pizzeria in Los Angeles. (R

3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. Penny and Russell are hunting for a holiday home in Mojacar, Spain; fitness instructor Lucy seeks a property in Malaga.

5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses A couple seek a retirement home that they can enjoy with their pets.

6.00 Four in a Bed The hosts meet one last time to find out what they've been paid. (R)

**6.30 The Simpsons** Marge begins a new life protecting endangered creatures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.

11.15 Storm Huntley Storm Huntley carries on the discussion and takes your calls to discuss the biggest stories of the day.

12.45pm Friends Double bill. Rachel considers moving out; Rachel tells her father she is pregnant, prompting him to confront Ross. (R)

1.40 5 News at Lunchtime

1.45 Home and Away Stevie puts Remi in charge of entertaining her film crew guests. (R)

2.15 FILM Dangerous Love (2022, PG) When recently divorced Laura meets a stranger online, her daughter soon grows suspicious. Thriller, starring Vivica A Fox. ★★★

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Colin Brown prepares to welcome a family of seven to the B&B. (R)

5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines

6.00 Party Election Broadcast

6.05 Argos: How Do They Really Do It? The secrets of the retailer (R); 5 News Update



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7.00 The One Show Live chat and topical reports, presented by Alex Jones and Clara Amfo.

7.30 The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson The journalist questions Labour's Keir Starmer as the election campaign continues. (R)

8.00 Michael Mosley: The **Doctor Who Changed** Britain A tribute to the medic and broadcaster.

8.30 Outnumbered The arrival of Pete's goddaughter from Australia has an unfortunate effect on the household. (R)

9.00 Death in Paradise Locals on the Caribbean island of Saint Marie make plans to celebrate the New Year - only for the festivities to be cut short when a masked man stabs a woman in her own home. Crime drama guest starring Nina Wadia. (R)

10.00 BBC News at Ten 10.30 Reporting Scotland 10.40 Sportscene: UEFA Euro

2024 Highlights Germany v Scotland. Action from the UEFA Euro Group A match at Munich Football Arena, as the tournament got under way.

11.10 FILM Tinker Tailor Soldier **Spy** (2011, 15) A former intelligence operative is brought out of retirement to uncover a Soviet mole in a high-ranking position in MI6. Cold War thriller, starring Gary Oldman and Colin Firth. \*\*\*\*

**1.10am** Rewind 2000s. TV, music and news. **1.25** Euro 2024 Match Replay. Germany v Scotland. A chance to see the Group A match at Munich Football Arena. With commentary by Steve midniaht Wilson and James McFadden. 3.05 Weather for the Week Ahead 3.10-6.00am BBC News. Headlines.

7.00 Digging for Britain: The **Greatest Discoveries** Alice Roberts visits archaeological digs around the country. (R)

7.30 Beechgrove Garden Kirsty Wilson discusses what to sow and plant in order to attract birds to the area.

8.00 Gardeners' World

Monty Don, Nick Bailey, Adam Frost, Sue Kent, Carol Klein and Frances Tophill are Birmingham-bound for the annual Gardeners' World Live event. Plus, an expert grower shares her passion for orchids.

9.00 Hidden Treasures of the **National Trust At Chirk** Castle, a rare portrait of a servant from the 18th century reveals its secrets. And in Oxburgh Hall, two hidden treasures are brought back into the light. Last in series.

10.00 QI Sandi Toksvig looks at tubes and tubas in a totally tubular show, featuring panellists Alan Davies, Sara Pascoe, Bridget Christie and Deborah Frances-White. (R)

10.30 Newsnight The day's national and international news stories.

11.05 FILM Dear Evan Hansen (2021, 12) Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical about Evan Hansen, a high-school senior with a social anxiety

disorder. Starring Ben Platt

and Julianne Moore, \*\*\*

**1.10am** Sign Zone: The Wrong Man: 17 Years Behind Bars. An innocent man failed by the criminal justice system. (R) **2.10** Sign Zone: Andi Oliver's Fabulous Feasts. Andi revisits her past. Last in series.(R) 3.10 Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) **3.40-6.15am** This Is BBC Two

6.30 **LIVE** UEFA Euro 2024

Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group A match from Munich Football Arena, as hosts Germany kick off the 2024 tournament against Steve Clarke's side. Julian Nagelsmann's team go into the tournament having qualified automatically, and are one of the favourites to win the competition. They are looking to win their first major trophy since the World Cup in 2014, and their first European Championship victory since 1996. Scotland qualified for their second consecutive Euros after finishing below Spain, but comfortably ahead of the likes of Norway and Georgia. In their last appearance in the finals three years ago, they finished bottom of their group behind rivals England, Croatia and Czech Republic, and they haven't won a game at this tournament since a 1-0 victory against Switzerland

10.45 ITV News; Weather

11.20 STV News: Weather 11.30 FILM Terminator 2: **Judgment Day** (1991, 15) A cyborg is sent back in time to protect the future saviour of the human race. Sci-fi

adventure sequel, with Arnold

Schwarzenegger. \*\*\*

back in the group stages

of the 1996 competition.

1.40am Shop on TV 3.00 The Larkins. The family do all they can to get Pop out of prison, while Mariette tells him he is going to be grandfather, but swears him to secrecy. Ma is surprised by an about-turn from Norma. (R) **3.50** Night Vision **5.05-6.00am** Katie Piper's Breakfast Show (R)

7.00 Channel 4 News

A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and weather.

7.55 Party Election Broadcast

8.00 The Dog House Youngster Harry is hoping to find a best friend who likes to play fetch and Ollie the ball-mad spaniel seems a perfect match. Meanwhile, Trini from London contends with sassy fluffball Balloo. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox

Famous faces - including Nick Grimshaw and his niece Liv, Ellie Simmonds and Richie Anderson, Jane McDonald and her friend Sue, and Rylan and his mum Linda - critique the week's biggest TV shows.

10.00 The Nevermets Twentyfour-year-old Leah from Glasgow prepares to meet her American lover Chad – who's 48 and lives with his 16-yearold daughter - for the first time in person, after two months of communicating online

11.05 FILM The Inbetweeners **Movie** (2011, 15) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday - but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird

and Blake Harrison. \*\*\*

**12.55am** *FILM* Skyscraper (2018, 12) Action thriller, starring Dwavne Johnson. ★★★ 2.35 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back. Gordon visits Bayou on the Vine in Kansas City. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me: four episodes (R) **5.35** Escape to the Chateau (R) **5.45-6.10am** Frasier (R)

7.00 The Motorway Hotel Head

Chef James tries out new apprentice Kaylan, and the annual national Maize Maze awards is meant to be in town, but snowfall sends the M6 into chaos and threatens to ruin the event. Last in series; 5 News

8.00 Dalgliesh Adam and Miskin attend the murder scene of Rita O'Keefe, whose nephew Garry Ashe emerges as chief suspect. At his trial, defence barrister Venetia Aldridge smoothly secures an acquittal, but when she is also found dead, Dalgliesh is soon on the hunt for a missing paperknife, and a motive. Crime drama based on PD James' best-selling novels about Inspector Adam Dalgliesh, starring Bertie Carvel, Carlyss Peer and Alistair Brammer.

10.00 LIVE UK vs Germany Fight Night Macaulay McGowan v Abass Baraou. Coverage of the bout for the European Super Welterweight title at Bolton Whites Hotel. Baraou won this title on English soil last time out when he defeated Sam Eggington via majority decision in Telford just three months ago, but McGowan will be hoping to claim his first professional title. Other fights pitting British and German fighters against each other are on the card. with hot prospect Dan Toward

**12.05am** Ultimate Police Interceptors (R) 1.00 Entertainment News on 5 1.15 PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.15 Secret Scotland with Susan Calman (R) **4.05** Britain's Greatest Bridges (R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (R) **5.15** House Doctor (R) **5.40** Entertainment News on 5 **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

among those in action

- 6.00am CITV 9.00 World's Funniest Videos 9.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 10.00 Love Bites 12.00noon Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal 2.00 Family Fortunes 3.00 Veronica Mars 4.00 Dawson's Creek, Drama, 5.00 Dress to Impress. Dating show.
- 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Richard Ayoade, Katie McGlynn and Joe Swash.
- 7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow,
- hosted by Stephen Mulhern.

  8.00 Bob's Burgers Double bill. 9.00 Love Island The islanders reach the end of the second week in paradise
- 10.05 The Stand Up Sketch Show With Rhys James and Helen Bauer
- 10.35 Family Guy Animated double bill. 11.35 American Dad! Stan and Francine's social life gets a boost
- 12.05am American Dad! Animation. **12.35** The Sex Lives of College Girls **1.45** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.30** Unwind with ITV 3.00-6.00am Teleshopping

## DAVE

- **6.00am** Teleshopping **7.20** Cop Car Workshop **8.05** The Force: Behind the Line **8.40** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes 2.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 3.00 Top Gear 5.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British
- 6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France The chef heads through France's eastern border regions of Alsace and Jura.
- 7.00 Would I Lie to You? With Jo Brand, Roisin Conaty, Paul Foot and Ray Mears.
- 7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games Double bill. With Roger Black, Jo Brand, Sanjeev Kohli and Tiff Stevenson: with Maisie Adam and James Cracknell.
- 9.00 QI XL With Ross Noble and Jack Dee. 10.00 Have I Got 2021 News for You 11.00 Taskmaster Gameshow.
- 12.00m't Mock the Week. Comedy panel show. 12.40 Would I Lie to You? 1.20 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.20** Room 101 **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

- **6.00am** Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine 10.00 Young Sheldon 11.00 Modern Family 12.00noon The Big Bang Theory 2.00 The Goldbergs 3.00 Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill
- 6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill. **7.00 Hollyoaks** Cleo's slip of the tongue makes Marie suspicious.
- 7.30 Come Dine with Me Social worker Ruth tries to impress her guests with her Jewish-Irish fusion menu.
- 8.00 Dance Moms Bride-to-be Melissa oses her temper at Christi and Kelly.
- 9.00 FILM Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003, 12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. ★★
- 11.05 Naked Attraction Dating show. 12.10am The Big Bang Theory 1.10 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 2.15 Modern Family 3.30 Dance Moms 4.15 The Neighborhood

5.05-6.00am Brooklyn Nine-Nine

## ITVBe

- 7.00am Unwind with ITV 7.05 Sugar Showdown 7.35 The Real Housewives of Cheshire 8.35 Masters of Flip 9.35 Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire 11.35 The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex 2.15 Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City
- 6.00 Masters of Flip Dave and Kortney get to work on a classic brick home.
  7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA
- David and James host a barbecue
- **8.00 Dinner Date** Sports streaming engineer Marcus is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date
- 9.00 Botched Double bill. A patient seeks a new nose; a drag queen seeks help.
- 11.00 The Only Way Is Essex A trip to Tenerife turns into a war of words.

12.00-1.00am Ready to Mingle

## DRAMA

- 6.00am Teleshopping 7.10 London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather
- 6.00 Waiting for God Sitcom
- **6.40 Are You Being Served?** Comedy. 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Smiler works as a door-to-door salesman.
- 8.00 Father Brown A convicted killer is given a temporary reprieve and begs Father Brown to help prove her innocence.
- 9.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries Sister Boniface finds herself on the hunt for a killer doll when a toymaker is murdered.
- 10.00 New Tricks A retired detective helps the team. Denis Lawson joins the cast.
- **11.20 Soldier, Soldier** The fusiliers take up guard duty at Windsor Castle.
- **12.20am** Lovejoy **1.30** David Copperfield. David revisits Peggotty. **2.35** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

## MORE4

- 8.55am A Place in the Sun 10.25 A New Life in the Sun 11.25 Find It. Fix It. Floa It 12.30pm Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY. Janet and Philip are pushed to breaking point.
- **6.55 PopMaster TV** Double bill. With contestants from Kent, Glasgow, Hertfordshire, Dagenham and York; with contestants from Worcester, Perth, Glasgow, Southport and Bedford.
- 9.00 Astrid: Murder in Paris A man is killed in an ultra-secure factory and the main suspect vanishes – only to return in a haze of strange events. In French.
- 10.05 24 Hours in A&E Double bill. A woman is brought in with suspected sepsis; a 20-year-old woman is rushed in after being involved in a car crash.
- **12.10am** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** The Twelve: Cinderella Murder. Drama. 2.25 24 Hours in A&E **3.30-4.00am** A Place in the Sun

**BBC SCOTLAND 6.30pm** The Seven **7.30 [ILM]** Whisky Galore! (2016, PG) Comedy remake, starring James Cosmo. \*\*\*\* **9.00** The Firm. Sheku Bayoh's sister gives evidenc to the public inquiry into his death. **10.00** Still Game. Jack and Victor are left minding the shop. 10.30 Rebus. John faces questions from Gill Templer and Malcolm Fox. 11.15pm-12.00m't Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster

BBC ALBA 6.00am Alba Today 5.00pm Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.30** Sionnach agus Maigheach (Fox & Hare) **5.40** AH-AH/No-No **5.50** Peicein/Petit **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Proiseact Ploigh 6.20 Belle agus Sebastian 6.35 A' Chuil 6.40 Dubhlain CBBC ALBA 6.45 Donnie Murdo (Danger Mouse) 7.00 An La (News) 7.25 Dan 7.30 Machair 7.55 Fraochy Bay 8.00 Leugh Mi (Book Show). Anna Macleod is joined by Eilidh Cormack and Euan MacLean. **8.30** Slighe Chladach Fiobha **9.00** Prois Tartan (Tartan Pride). Scotland and England's first international football match. **10.00** An Clo Mor. The arrival of potential Norwegian investor Johan throws a cat among the pigeons. **10.30** Feis Rois **11.30** Belladrum **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: 11.15am-12.15pm Homes Under the Hammer 1.35-1.45pm Regional News 6.30 Regional

News **6.55-7.00** Party Election Broadcast **10.30** Regional News **10.40** MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights **11.25pm-1.25am** F/LM Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011, 15) \*\*\*\*

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: 11.15am-12.15pm Homes Under the Hammer **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Election Broadcast 8.30-9.00 Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40** MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights 11.25pm-1.25am FILM Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011, 15) Cold war thriller. \*\*\*\*

BORDER As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm News Border **6.00** ITV News Lookaround **6.10-6.15** Party Election Broadcast **11.20-11.30** ITV News Border **1.40-3.00am** Shop on TV 3.50-5.05am Unwind with ITV

UTV As STV except: 1.55-2.00pm UTV Live 6.00 UTV Live 6.10-6.15 Party Election Broadcast **11.20-11.30** UTV Live **1.40-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-5.05am** Unwind with ITV

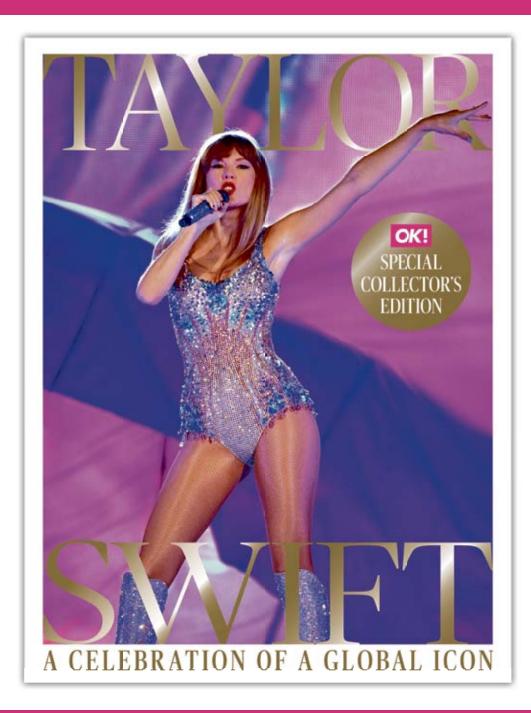
- 7.00pm Top Gear Michael Sheen is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
- 8.00 The Traitors US A deadly mission sees a player take their last breath in the game.
- 9.00 NEW Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens Double bill. Sian Eleri examines the biggest mass UFO sighting in Britain.
- 10.00 A Very British Cult An investigation into a life coaching company that allegedly ruins lives.
- 11.00 Ladhood Double bill. Liam is forced to confront his mental health problems: Liam prepares to perform.
- 11.50 I Kissed a Boy The dinner party concludes with heated words
- 12.40am Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster. Documentary. **1.25**Boot Dreams: Now or Never **2.25** Ladhood **2.50** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **3.50**-4.00am Press X to Continue

## BBC4 Freeview 24

- 7.00pm TOTP: 1996 Mark Goodier presents the pop chart programme.
- 7.30 TOTP: 1996 Dale Winton presents the pop chart programme
- 8.00 TOTP: 1987 Performances by John Farnham, Bruce Willis, Beastie Boys and Run DMC.
- **8.30 TOTP: 1982** Featuring Roxy Music, Duran Duran, ABC Queen, Toyah and Adam Ant.
- 9.00 Disco at the BBC: Volume 2 election of classics from the archive.
- 10.00 Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution A look at how disco conquered the mainstream charts.
- 1.00 Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special With Chic, Gloria Gaynor and Sophie Ellis-Bextor.
- 12.30am Sounds of the 70s. Archive performances. 1.00 Disco at the BBC: Volume 2 **2.00** TOTP: 1996 **2.30** TOTP: 1996 **3.00** TOTP: 1987 **3.30-4.00am** TOTP: 1982

- **6.00am** Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **9.55** Entertainment News on 5 **10.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order 5.55 Entertainment News on 5
- 6.00 NCIS Four episodes. Vance assigns McGee, Torres and Bishop to Covid compliance duty at a foreign affairs summit, where they discover a link to another NCIS team's murder case; Torres meets his father; the team investigates a biker killed in a hit-and-run incident; the team tracks a stolen laptop, and it leads back to Phineas's uncle. Hassan Savegh.
- 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Double bill. Benson learns her brother is suspected of stalking three women; a rent boy is murdered.
- 12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill 1.55 The Blacklist **2.50** Criminal Minds **3.35** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera 4.00-6.00am Teleshopping

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## Sport

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros. A round-up of the all the Euros news. Euros. A round-up of the all the Euros news.

8.00 LIVE Super Rugby Blues v Brumbies (kick-off The semi-final match at Eden Park. 10.00 LIVE Tennis The Liberna Open. Coverage of day five of the WTA and ATP grass court events held at Autotron Rosmalen in s-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, featuring the quarter-finals.

12.30pm UVE US Open Golf Coverage of the second day of the Major, in North Carolina

1.00am LIVE ICC Men's T20 World Cup

New Zealand v Uganda. Coverage of the Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy.

5.30-6.00am VE Super Rugby Hurricanes v Chiefs (kick-off 5.35am), Live coverage of the semi-final match at Sky Stadium in Wellington.

## SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **7.30** ICC T20 World Cup 2021 **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.10pm** Best of ICC WT20. Australia v Pakistan. **2.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup 3.00 LIVE ICC Men's T20 World Cup USA v

The Group A match at Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium in Florida. 7.00 **LVE** Vitality T20 Blast Cricket
Birmingham Bears v Yorkshire Vikings. Action

from the North Group match at Edgbaston 10.15 Best of T20 Blast Finals Day 10.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup 11.00 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. England v Oman. Highlights.

12.00m't LIVE ICC Men's T20 World Cup South

Africa v Nepal. Coverage of the Group D match at Arnos Vale Stadium, Kingstown, Saint Vincent. 4.30 LIVE ICC Men's T20 World Cup

New Zealand v Uganda. The Group C r 5.30-6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6.00am** Championship Retro **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Retro **12.00noon** FL Greatest Games. From the 2018/19 season. 1.00 Championship Season Review. The 2020/21 campaign. 2.00 Best Goals Of The Carabao Cup 2020/21 2.30 EFL Trophy Football 3.00 Championship Retro 5.30 EFL Captact Compact 6.00 Review. Greatest Games 6.00 Paris: Born to Play 6.30 EFL Greatest Games 7.00 Championship Season Review 8.00 Best Goals: Efl Cup 2021-22 **8.30** EFL Trophy Football **9.00** Old Firm Derby Best Goals **9.30** SPFL: Edinburgh Derby Best Goals **10.00** SPFL Greatest Games 12.00m't EFL Greatest Games 1.00 Championship Retro 3.00 EFL Cup Retro. The 2013 final. 5.00-6.00am EFL Rivalries

## TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am Fishing: On the Bank 7.00 WWE Raw Highlights 8.00 Sign Up – Into Football 8.45 Ultimate Pool. Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup Group 2. 10.15 LIVE AFL Brisbane Lions v St Kilda Saints (bounce-up 10.40am). Coverage of

the match from Brisbane Cricket Ground. 1.30pm UEFA Europa Conference League.
Olympiacos v Fiorentina. 2.00 UEFA Europa League 2.30 UEFA Champions League 3.00 Premier League Stories 3.30 Premier League Review 4.30 Premier League World Beaters

7.00 LIVE WWE Friday Night SmackDown
Wrestling action from WWE Friday Night
SmackDown at OVO Hydro in Glasgow.

9.00 Fight Inc: Inside the UFC 11.00 Premier League World Beaters 12.00m't Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree 12.15 Inside Serie A **12.45** UEFA Champions League Goals Reload. From the quarter-finals. **1.00** NBA Action

1.30 LIVE NBA Dallas Mavericks v Boston Celtics (tip-off 1.30am). Game four of the NBA Finals.
4.00 NBA Action. A round-up of the latest action.
4.30-7.30am LIVE AFL Western Bulldogs v Fremantle Dockers (bounce-up 4.45am).

## TNT SPORTS 2

11.30am Badminton Weekly 11.45 PSA Squash Highlights **12.45pm** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **1.00** MLB Highlights **2.00** Hockey 6.00 MLB Plays of the Week 6.30 MLB: Off

the Bat. Action from Major League Baseball.

7.00 LIVE MLB Chicago Cubs v St Louis
Cardinals (start time 7.20pm). Coverage of the National League match from Wrigley Field.

10.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload 10.30

MLB Highlights 11.30 MLB: Off the Bat 12.00m't WEB Boston Red Sox v New York Yankees (start time 12.10am). Coverage of the

American League match from Fenway Park. 3.15 Fishing: On the Bank 4.15 TNT Sports Goals Reload 4.30 TNT Sports Reload 5.00-6.00am PSA Squash Highlights

## **EUROSPORT 1**

**6.00am** Cycling: Tour of Belgium **7.00** Tour of Switzerland **8.00** Mountain Biking **9.00** Olympic Games 10.00 Tour of Belgium 11.00 Tour of Switzerland 12.00noon Tour of Slovenia

Switzerland 12.00noon lour of Slovenia
2.00 IVE Tour of Belgium Stage three, 188.2km from Turnhout to Scherpenheuvel-Zichem.
4.00 IVE Mountain Biking Coverage of the World Cup meeting from Val di Sole in Italy, featuring the cross-country short-track events.
5.30 Roland-Garros 7.00 Cycling 9.00 Mountain Biking 10.00 Roland-Garros 11.00 Cycling 1.00am FIA World Endurance Championship 2.00 Cycling 4.00 British Speedway 5.00-2.00 Cycling 4.00 British Speedway 5.00-6.00am FIA World Endurance Championship

## Entertainment & Factual

## ITV3

6.00am Classic Emmerdale 7.00 Classic Coronation Street 8.05 Agatha Christie's Poirot 10.30 The Royal 11.35 Heartbeat 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale 2.40 Classic Coronation Street 3.40 Inspector Morse 5.55 Heartbeat 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Shetland 11.30 Lewis 1.10am Upstairs Downstairs **2.05-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

## ITV4

6.00am World of Sport 6.10 Minder 7.10 The Sweeney 8.10 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 9.15 Magnum, Pl 10.20 Kojak 11.25 BattleBots 12.25pm The Return of Sherlock Holmes 1.35 Magnum, Pl 2.40 Kojak 3.40 Minder 4.50 The Sweeney 6.00 World Series of Darts. Coverage of the first day of the Poland Darts Masters. 10.00 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite 12.00m't Made in Britain 1.00 The Sweeney 1.55 The Protectors 2.25-3.00am Unwind with ITV

## **5STAR**

**8.00am** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun: double bill **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords 11.00 Traffic Cops 2.00pm Police Interceptors 5.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 6.00 Home and Away 7.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** FILM The Bodyguard (1992/15) Romantic thriller. \*\*\* 1.40 FILM Ocean's 8 (2018/12)
\*\*\* 1.55am Casualty 24/7: Every
Second Counts 2.45 GPs: Behind Closed Doors 3.35-4.00am Home and Away

## **REALLY**

6.00am Fantasy Homes in the City 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12.00noon Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Antiques Road Trip 5.00 The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **10.00** Ghost Adventures **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted 12.00m't Unexplained: Caught on Camera 1.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 2.00-4.00am Teleshopping

## **5ACTION**

9.00am Car Pound Cops 9.25 Outback Truckers 10.25 Traffic Cops 11.25 FILM Apache (1954/U) \*\*\* 1.15pm FILM Cast a Giant Shadow (1966/PG) \*\*\* 4.00 Outback Truckers 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00 Police Interceptors 9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 10.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 11.00 Inside the Force 12.00m't Police Interceptors 1.00 Fights, Camera, Action! 2.00 Trucking Hell 3.50-4.00am Entertainment News on 5

## **SKY ARTS**

6.00am Charles Hazlewood: Beethoven & Me 7.00 Classic FM Rising Stars with Julian Lloyd Webber 2022 **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Peter Ustinov 12.00noon The Joy of Painting 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected 1.55 Mae West: Dirty Blonde 3.00 Camille Pissarro: The Father of Impressionism 4.00 Discovering: Ian McKellen 5.00 The Joy of Painting 6.00 Tales of the Unexpected



House Of The Dragon Sky Atlantic, 8.50pm Ahead of the second season, which begins next week, here is another chance to see the first run's conclusion Daemon (Matt Smith, left) is preparing for war.

7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 8.00 How the Beatles Changed the World 10.15 Discovering 11.15 Stuart Sutcliffe: The Lost Beatle 12.30am Guy Garvey: From the Vaults 1.30 Live from the Artists Den 2.45 Led Zeppelin: In the Light 4.00 Cheltenham Literature Festival 5.00-6.00am Auction

## GOLD

**7.10am** The Fosters **8.05** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? 10.40 Still Open All Hours 11.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40pm The Green Green Grass 1.20 My Hero 2.00 Still Open All Hours 2.40 Dad's Army 3.20 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Last of the Summe Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses 8.40 The Thin Blue Line **9.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Mrs Brown's Bovs **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **2.00** The Royle Family 2.30-4.00am The Thin Blue Line

## YESTERDAY

6.10am Hornby: A Model World 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 10.00 The World at War 11.00 World War Weird 12.00noon Great British Railway Journeys 1.00 Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Canal Boat Diaries 8.00 Hornby: A Model World 10.00 Bangers & Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't Great British Railway Journeys 1.00-2.00am Abandoned Engineering

## ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries: double bill 9.00 The Coroner 10.00 Elementary 11.00 Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators 12.00noon Father Brown 1.00 Death in Paradise 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Elementary 5.00 Father Brown 6.00 espeare & Hathaway: Private nvestigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Death in Paradise: triple bill **11.20** Elementa **12.15am** Why Women Kill **1.20** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

## **SKY MAX**

**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angel **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow 6.00 Stargate SG-1 8.00 A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip 9.00 The Walking Dead: The Ones no Live 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 11.30 The Walking Dead 12.30am Brit Cops: Rapid Response 1.30 Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00-5.00am S.W.A.T

## **SKY ATLANTIC**

**6.00am** The Guest Wing **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Billions **12.15pm** Game of Thrones 1.20 The Sopranos 3.30 Six Feet Under **5.30** Billions **6.35** Gomorrah **7.35** Game of Thrones **8.50** House of the Dragon 10.00 House of the Dragon: War Room 11.00 The Time Traveler's Wife: triple bill 1.55am Euphoria 3.05 Game of Thrones 4.20-6.00am The Guest Wing

## SKY WITNESS

6.00am Air Ambulance ER 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** 999 ontline **10.00** Bull **11.00** Blue f 12.00noon New Amsterdam 1.00 9-1-1 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted 3.00 Caught Red Handed 4.30 Nothing to Declare 7.00 Caught on Dashcam 8.00 Chicago Med 9.00 Chicago Fire 10.00 Chicago PD 11.00 The Equalizer 12.00m't The Cleaning Lady 1.00 The Rookie 2.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 3.00 FBI: Most Wanted 4.00 Bull 5.00-6.00am Air Ambulance ER

## SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace 9.00 The Conners 10.00 Sort Of 10.30 Veep 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm High Maintenance 2.10 Veep 3.20 Entourage 4.30 Sort Of 5.00 Will & Grace 6.00 The Office (US) 7.00 The Grace 6.00 The Office (US) 7.00 The Conners 8.00 Will & Grace 9.00 Young Rock 10.00 Jerrod Carmichael Reality Show 11.15 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 12.15am Ricky Velez: Here's Everything 1.25 Sex and the City 2.40 Sort Of 3.10 Flatbush Misdemeanors 3.50.5 Mam High Maintenance 3.50-5.00am High Maintenance

## **DISCOVERY**

6.00am How It's Made 7.00 Deadliest Catch 8.00 Building Off the Grid 9.00 Combat Dealers 10.00 Demolition Down Under 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm Barnwood Builders 3.00 Gold Rush 4.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue 6.00 Demolition Down Under 7.00 Bitchin' Rides 8.00 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail 9.00 Moonshiners 10.00 Blowing Up History 11.00 Outback Truckers 12.00mt Gold Divers 1.00 Moonshiners 2.00 Blowing Up History 3.00 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail 4.00-5.00am Moonshiners

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 World War II: Secrets from Above 11.00 Europe from Above **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Drain the Oceans: Rise of the Roman Empire 4.00 Lost Treasures of Rome 5.00 Car S.O.S 6.00 Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour 7.00 Air Crash Investigation 8.00 Apocalypse: The Rise of Hitler 10.00 Churchill's German Army 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12.00m't To Catch a Smuggler 1.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 2.00
Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Lords of War 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal FR

## Radio

## **BBC RADIO 1**

97.6-99.8MHz 6.33am Radio 1's Best New Pop 6.57 Newsbeat 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Matt and Mollie 10.00 Radio 1 Anthems with Matt and Mollie 10.30 Newsbeat 10.32 Radio 1 Anthems 11.02 Danny Beard 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Radio 1 at Download **4.00** The Official Chart on Radio 1 with James Cusack 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Radio 1's Dance Party with Danny Howard 8.00 Radio 1's Future Dance with Sarah Story 10.00 Pete Tong 12.00m\*t Radio 1's Essential
Mix 2.00 Radio 1 Dance Presents 3.00
Danny Howard Club Mix 4.00 Radio 1 Anthems 5.00-6.00am Radio 1 Relax

## **BBC RADIO 2**

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. With guests Boy George, Meghan Trainor and Kit Harington. **9.30** Vernon Kay 12.00noon Jeremy Vine 2.00 Scott Mills 3.30 Scott Mills' Wonder Years 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Michelle Visage 8.30 Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits 9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony 11.00 The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker 12.00m't Romesh Ranganathan: For the Love of Hip-Hop 1.00 Lionel Richie at the BBC 2.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin 3.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco 5.00-6.00am Radio 2 in Concert: Van Morrison

## **BBC RADIO 3**

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast 9.30 Essential Classics 1.00pm Classical Live

## CHOICE Friday Night Is Music Night Radio 3, 7.30pm Clare Teal is at Cardiff's Hoddinott Hall

to present a show celebrating music from popular American stage shows and films. There are songs from Mary Poppins, Beauty And The Beast, Guys And Dolls, The Wizard Of Oz, Funny Girl, Singing In The Rain, West Side Story, Dear Evan Hansen and Wicked

4.00 Composer of the Week: Gibbons 5.00 In Tune 7.00 Classical Mixtape 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night 9.45 The Essay Rohemians in T-Shirts 10.00 Late Junction 11.30 'Round Midnight. The very best of jazz. 12.30-6.30am Through the Night

## **BBC RADIO 4**

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today 9.00 Desert Island Discs 10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 There's Only One Michael Mosley
11.45 Book of the Week: All That Glitters 12.00noon News 12.04 Bare Farth 12.57 Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45**Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Specialist **2.45** Child **3.00** Gardeners' Question Time **3.45** Short Works 4.00 Last Word 4.30 More or Less 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 The News Quiz 7.00 The Archers 7.15 Add to Playlist 8.00 Any Questions? 9.00 Free Thinking 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Photographer

11.00 Americast 11.30 The Bottom Line: The Decisions That Made Me a Leader 12.00m't News 12.30 Book of the Week: All That Glitters 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping Forecast 5.30 News 5.43 Prayer for the Day 5.45-6.00am NatureBang

## **BBC RADIO 5 LIVE**

**693/909kHz 6.00am** 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Chiles on Friday 1.00pm Elis James and John Robins 2.00 Colin Murray 4.00 5 Live Drive 6.30 5 Live Sport. Match build-up. 8.00 5 Live Sport. Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 6-0-6. Your football calls. 12.00m't Lisa McCormick 4.00 The Toone and Russo Show 5.00-6.00am 5 Live Boxing

## BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am Good Morning Scotland 9.00 Mornings 12.00noon Lunchtime Live 1.32 Breaking the News 2.00 The Afternoon Show 4.00 Drivetime 6.00 Sportsound. Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 Off the Ball 12.00m't-6.30am As BBC Radio 5 Live

## **TALKSPORT**

1053/1089kHz 6.00am talkSPORT Euro Breakfast with Alan Brazil, Sports stories, 10.00 Euro GameDay Warm Up 1.00pm
Euro GameDay Live 4.00 Euro Gameday Drive **7.00** Euro GameDay Live. Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). Commentary on the Group A match. **10.30** Sports Bar 1.00-6.00am Extra Time with Martin Kelner

## Movies

**11.00am 13 Rue Madeleine** (1946/U) Second World War spy thriller, starring

James Cagney and Walter Abel. \* **12.55pm Anne of the Indies** (1951/U) High-seas adventure, starring Jean Peters, 

4.45 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (2019/PG) Director Marielle Heller's drama based on a true story, starring an Oscar and Bafta-nominated Tom Hanks. \*\*\* 6.55 Sleepless in Seattle (1993/PG)

Romantic comedy, with Tom Hanks. \*\*\*\*

9.00 Mission: Impossible - Fallout (2018/12)
The sixth entry in the action thriller saga,

with Tom Cruise and Henry Cavill. ★★★ 11.55 Con Air (1997/18) Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and John Malkovich. ★★★ 2.10-3.55am Slice (2018/15) Comedy horror, starring Chris Parnell and Paul Scheer. ★★

## **SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**

**7.00am The Great Escaper** (2023/12) See 8.00pm for details. ★★★ 8.45 Boonie Bears: Guardian Code (2023/PG) Animation, featuring the voices of Joseph S Lambert and Paul 'Maxx' Rinehart.

10.30 Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama. with Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. \*\*

12.45pm The Great Escaper (2023/12)

e 8.00pm for details. **2.30 Meg 2: The Trench** (2023/12)

See 9.40pm for details. ★★★ **4.30 Bonus Track** (2023/15) Comedy, with Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★ 6.15 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy

drama, starring Dakota Johnson. \*\*\*

8.00 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Premiere. A war veteran speaks out of his care home in Hove to attend a D-Day commemoration. Drama, starring Michael Caine. \*\*\*\*

9.40 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
11.40 The Royal Hotel (2023/18) Thriller, with Julia Garner and Jessica Henwick. \*\*\*

1.15am Cult Killer (2023/15) Thriller, starring Alice Eve and Antonio Banderas. \*\*

3.15 Am I OK? (2022/15) See 6.15pm. \*\*\*
5.00-6.40am The Inseparables (2023/U) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Monica Young and Danny Fehsenfeld.

SKY CINEMA DRAMA 5.55pm The Girl on the Train (2016/15) Thriller based on Paula Hawkins' novel, with Emily Blunt and Rebecca Ferguson. \*\*\*\* **8.00 Lost in Translation** (2003/15) Sofia Coppola's comedy drama, starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson.

9.45 Forrest Gump (1994/12) Drama, with Tom Hanks and Sally Field. \*\*\*\*
12.15am Guys and Dolls (1955/PG) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra. ★★★★ 2.55 The Pact (2012/15) Horror, starring

Caity Lotz and Casper Van Dien. \*\* 4.35-6.40am Young at Heart (1954/U) Musical, with Frank Sinatra and Doris Day. \*\*\*

## **SKY CINEMA FAMILY**

**4.00pm Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** (2022/PG) Musical, starring Javier Bardem. ★★★★ 5.55 Swallows and Amazons (2016/PG)
Period drama, with Rafe Spall. ★★★
7.45 The Portable Door (2023/PG) Fantasy. with Christoph Waltz and Sam Neill. \*\*\*

9.50 The Tiger Rising (2022/PG) Drama, with Dennis Quaid and Queen Latifah. 11.45 Step Dogs (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky and Ryan Belleville. ★
1.20am Hot Dog Derby (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Jason London. ★★
2.55 Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy,

with John Ritter and Michael Oliver. 4.25-6.20am The Next Karate Kid (1994/PG) Martial arts sequel, with Pat Morita,

## **TALKING PICTURES TV**

7.05pm Millions Like Us (1943/U) Second World War drama, starring Patricia Roc. Eric Portman and Gordon Jackson,

9.05 Without Warning (1980/18) Horror, with Jack Palance and Martin Landau. \*\* 11.00pm Serpent's Lair (1995/18) Horror, with Jeff Fahey and Lisa Barbuscia. \*\* 12.55am Unearthly Stranger (1963/PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring John Neville. ★★★ 2.30-4.10am Deathsport (1978/18) Sci-fi

drama, starring David Carradine.

## **GREAT! MOVIES**

5.00pm My Stepfather's Secret (2019/12) riller starring Paris Smith 6.45 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967/PG) Comedy drama, with Spencer

Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. \*\*\*\*

9.00 16 Blocks (2006/12) Police thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Mos Def. \*\*\*\* **11.10pm First Kill** (2017/15) Action thriller, with Bruce Willis and Hayden Christensen. ★★★ 1.25am A Bronx Tale (1993/18) Crime drama, starring Robert De Niro. ★★

4.00-5.40am Hidden in Plain Sight (2019/PG) Thriller, starring Victoria Barabas.

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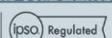
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THIS week's winner is Finlay Thomson with a 14lb sea liced salmon caught from the Boatford beat of the River Nith. A great battle was had, and it was safely released on its upstream journey. This was the first salmon caught from the Drumlanrig Castle estate beats.

## Hooked on Euros

## BY LOUIS FEROX

THE Euros kick off tonight and I know a few folk who have gone out to Germany to sample the atmosphere.

There might be a game or two attended but tournaments like these are a chance to head out into the host country so obviously I asked if they're going to be fishing.

Of course, that meant a bit of Googling around to find fishing near where our supporters are headed to try to tempt them into a relaxing/ hungover day on the bank.

you're travelling anywhere, and Europe in particular, always check the local regulations.

In Germany there's a pretty strict licensing policy but you can apply online before you go.

There is fantastic pike, carp and zander fishing in Germany, while trout anglers can chase rainbows, brooks and browns in Alpine rivers or sea-trout on the coast.

It's all pretty affordable so pick up a government fishing licence and check the local laws where you're staying.

The problem with looking into any sort of fishing is starting to plan trips for yourself.

I never wanted to catch an Asp and now I've set my sights on catching a Danube salmon



SING WHEN YOU'RE FISHING Rods don't take up much room

(Hucho Hucho) which is a landlocked salmon I'd never come across before.

Found in the Danube and its tributaries, it's a close relative of the Mongolian taimen (Hucho Taimen).

I'll need to persuade the missus that shed like to visit some German Christmas markets as the season runs from November-February.

They start off feeding like trout on flies and other aquatic life, but with age their diet changes.

They become more predatory, hunting other fish, with the occasional small rodent meaning you'll be throwing big patterns on heavy gear.

The species is under threat but with a decent guide it seems like fishing the

tributaries still gives good odds on catching one on a fly using fish or sculpin imitations.

There's always a chance to cast a line.

Angling is universal and there's a swathe of fish out there and fishermen to speak to.

So there's no need to rule out the chance of fishing.

While you can sometimes squeeze a bit of tackle in a suitcase, a travel rod a reel and some lures doesn't take up much room.

If you're packing a bit more it's not necessarily going to survive the journey so maybe get a proper travel case or tube for them.

It's not cheap but definitely costs less than replacing a load of broken kit.

Ideally we would all be heading away chasing huge fish on far-flung tropical islands, monster carp in Europe, and freshwater giants in Thailand.

Dedicated fishing holidays are the stuff of an angler's

But for most of us, trips with our partner or family getaways take priority over these oftenpricey trips.

It is possible to sneak a bit of fishing in though, speak to the folk or have a nosy round the local tackle shop and even get your fellow travellers involved.







## RECORD RACING Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

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\*\*ESTING: 6-4 Matterhorn, 5 War Lord, 11-2 Issuing Authority, 6 Sacre Coeur, 8 No Getaway, 10 Kauto The King, 16 L'impertinent, 25 Only Money.

2023: No corresponding race.

\*\*SACRE COEUR 8-1 (11-0, Tristan Durrell) Led, ridden and headed 3 out, weakened 2 out, 6th of 11, 22 behind Fringill Dike (11-5) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 1f hop chs (2) gs in May 4m 09.08s.

\*\*WAR LORD 25-1 (11-13, Brendan Powell) Held up towards rear of mid-division, good headway chasing leaders home turn, ridden before 2 out, ridden and outpaced between last two, rallied well run-in, just held, 3rd of 11, 1 1/4l behind Clearance (11-2) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f hop hol 0-130 (3) gd m 56.55s.

MATTERHORN 10-11fav (11-2, H Cobden) Tracked sole rival, mistake 2nd, disputed lead 7th, led narrowly 9th, forged on before 4 out, in command after 2 out, comfortably, won at Ludlow 2m nor Limited hoap ch (3) gd in May beating Gower Prince (10-5) by 8, 2 ran 3m 51.24s.

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ISSUING AUTHORITY 15-2 (11-5, James Bowen) Chased leaders, not fluent 8th or 4 out, not much room after last, soon led, headed before final bend, no extra, 5th of 8, 17l behind Al Zaraqaan (11-11) at Cartmel 2m 1f hcp chs 0-140 (3) gd in May 4m 19.50s.

LIMPERTINENT 11-2 (11-11, Toby Wynne) Chased leader, led after 3rd, ridden home turn, soon headed, dropped to 3rd turning in, ridden and no impression before last, thit last, weakened and lost 3rd run-in, 4th of 9, 4 1/21 behind King Oils (9-10) at Fakenham 2m sell hcp hdl (5) gd in May 4m 03.60s.

NO GETAWAY, did not finish, 15-2 (11-11, Mr Sean Clarke) Tracked leaders, went 2nd 7th, 2 lengths down when fell 11th, in a race won by Yccs Portocervo (12-8) at Newton Abbot 2m 5f his chs (5) sit in May, 7 ran 5m 34.40s.

ONLY MONEY 14-1 (11-9, Rex Dingle) Tracked leaders, ridden 3 out, soon weakened, last of 4, 42l behind Parc Qămour (12-0) at Southwell 2m hcp chs 0-120 (4) sti in May 4m 26.65s.

KAUTOTHE KING 12-1 (11-2, Bendan Powell) Left in lead start, ridden 2 out, headed next, kept on one pace, 2nd of 4, 2 1/21 behind Riskintheground (11-3) at Hereford 2m 5f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in May 5m 21.12s.

**GOING:** Good-Good to Firm in places. **COURSE:** Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards.

## 7.20 NEWTON ABBOT NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £7,341 (5 run) 3m 1f 17 3m 1f 170yds

S Bowen 121 J Bowen 117 ......B Harris (3) 113 .... M G Nolan 100

BETTING: 2 Langley Hundred, 11-4 Broomfields Cave, 10-3 Wonderwall, 9-2 Exmoor

2023: No corresponding race.

2023: No corresponding race.

WONDERWALL 172 (10-12, James Bowen) Tracked leaders, not always fluent, 3rd and held from final bend, kept on, 3rd of 12, 3 1/2! behind Tommie Beau (11-8) at Cartmel 3m 1f hop hol (2) gd in May 6m 23.20s.

BROOMFIELDS GAVE 5-2 (11-11, Sam Twiston-Davies) Tracked front pair, jumped right at times, awkward 5th, left in 2nd 13th, pressed leader after 14th, pushed along after 4 out and not go with leader, plugged on, iddeh before last rallied run-in, always held, 2nd of 4, 11behind Scrum Diddly (12-0) at Southwell 3m 2f nov hop chs 0-120 (4) gs in May 7m 24.93s.

MR YEATS 28-1 (10-8), Badely Harris, Held up in read, headway approaching last, no impression, 6th of 12, 8th behind 5m 2ft. 11-7, David Noonan) Tracked leaders, not fluent and outpaced 5 out, lost position and soon pushed along, indiden and rallied before 2 out where not fluent, went 2nd approaching last, stayed on, no chance with winner, 2nd of 9, 3l behind Steppenword (11-12) at Flos Las 2m 3ft hop 6n 0-110 (4) gd in May 4m 50.37s.

LANGLEY HUNDRED 14-1 (11-6, M G Nolan) Prominent in chasing group, closer at 15th, led 4 out, went right again last, stusyed on, on 23 ness that she to the string sproup could be a supplied from the string and supplied from 3 ness that she should be supplied from the supp

## 7.55 ST AUSTELL BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £5,800 (13 run) 3m

1 665P-9 GROVE ROAD (27) (F) James Owen 8 12-0 Mr A Chadwick (5) 97 2 7377-P SAMMYLOU (10) (T) D Killahena & G McPherson 11 11-13 (CD<sup>3</sup>)

11 56PF8- UNIVERSAL SECRET (51) (P') Mrs H Nelmes 7 11 

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## GOODWOOD RACING TV.

## GARRY OWEN

LIGHTNING FORCE 6.05 **GFLICEAUX** MILLER SPIRIT

7.15 **GOGO YUBARI** 7.50 ENCHANTING 8.20 DREAMROCKER

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SEA EMILY RUN

## SIR ERIC PARKER MEMORIAL EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £7,851 (14 run) 6f

55 ALONDRA (13) C Hills 9-2 W Cox nton 9-2.......C Bishop

## **6.05** WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) 1m 1f 197yds

1 (12)6406-0 **BLUE COLLAR** (27) (B') R Hannon 9-10...

2023: LUCKY FIFTEEN 9 13, Hector Crouch 4-7 Fav (R Beckett), drawn (2), 6 ran.

6.40 WILLIAM HILL DAILY BOOST HANDICAP (4)
Winner £6,621 (9 run)

1m 6f

1 (1) 540-01 MILLER SPIRIT (7) G & J Moore 4 9-9 (C)..... T P Queally 77

2 (5) 604-82 CLAN CHIEFTAIN (20) R Beckett 4 9-9 .... E Greatrex 77

3 (9) 96/95- SONGO (H) R G Hawker 8 9-9 (D²) .... J Crowley 77

4 (4) 84-541 ENOCHDHU (47) J Portman 49-8 .... R Coakley 76

5 (7) 523612 TURNER GIRL (35) (P) E Dunlop 5 9-6 (D) .... J F Egan 74

6 (6) 1222-8 CAPONE (20) D F Davis 9 9-6 .... J F Egan 74

7 (8) 0242/ BEAU FRENCH (1125) G & J Moore 6 9-4... R Clutterbuck 72

8 (3) 1375-5 RAGOSINA (P) B Brookhouse 4 9-3... S D Bowen (5) 71

9 (2) 0396-3 ATALANTA BREEZE (24) (B) M Tregoning 8 8-12 (D)......
J Haynes 66

BETTING: 11-4 Clan Chieftain, 4 Miller Spirit, Enochdhu, 5 Turner Girl, 10 Capone, Atalanta Breeze, 14 Ragosina, 16 Songo, 20 Beau French.

lanta Breeze, 14 Ragosina, 16 Songo, 20 Beau French. 2023: CRESCENT LAKE 6 9 5, Tom Queally 9-2 (G & J Moore), drawn (2), 10 ran.

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in places.
COURSE: A tricky right-handed undulating switchback track
with two bends. There is a straight 5f track.
DRAW: In big fields over 7f and 1m a low draw is an advantage.
TOP TRAINERS: Andrew Balding 40-261 (15.3%), Richard Han-TOP TRAINERS: Andrew Baiding 40-261 (15.3%), Richard Hannon 24-262 (9.2%), Ralph Beckett 19-143 (13.3%), Charles Hills 17-133 (12.8%), David Menuisier 14-81 (17.3%), Gary & Josh Moore 13-131 (9.9%), Marcus Tregoning 10-53 (18.9%).

TOP JOCKEYS: Jim Crowley 25-162 (15.4%), Hollie Doyle 11-98 (11.2%), Jason Watson 10-80 (12.5%), Charles Bishop 6-83 (7.2%), Jack Mitchell 6-48 (12.5%), Adam Farragher 5-14

(35.7%), Rhys Clutterbuck 5-41 (12.2%).

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MILLER SPIRIT 18-1 (9-6, Anna Gibson) Mid-division, headway and hung right over 2f out, hung left over 1f out, led well inside final furlong, stayed on, won at Soodwood 1m 4f app hop-080 (4) gd beating Dancing in Paris (10-1) by 11, 7 ran 2m 42.29s.

CLAN CHIEFTAIN 11-4 (9-11, S De Sousa) Held up in last pair, headway tracking leaders when not clear run and collided with rail on inside over 3f out, headway when in the clear over 2f out, ridden and stayed on inside final furlong, went 2nd post, no chance with winner, 2nd of 8, 1 3/41 behind Warranty (9-2) at Salisbury 1m 6f hop 0-75 (5) gd in May 3m 03.86s.

SONGO 14-1 (9-3, H Cobden) Dwelt, towards rear, wide and headway to track leaders 6f out, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 5th of 10, 3 1/2! behind Crescent Lake (9-5) at Goodwood 1m 6f hop 0-85 (4) gf in Jun '23 4m 30.30s.

ENOCHDHU 4-1 (9-8, Rob Hornby) Chased leaders, ridden in 3rd over 2f out, soon chased leader, led over 110 yards out, won going away, won at Bath 1m 4f hoap (5) st in Apr beating Ohernyhawk (8-9) by 2 1/41, 11 ran 2m 36.00s.

TURNER GIRL 9-2 (9-3, Morgan Cole) Close up, ridden and headway approaching final furlong, kept on to go 2nd final strides, 2nd of 8, 8 lo behind Chase The Dollar (9-9) at Chester 1m 4f Apprentice Handicago (0-78) (4)(-9) (4) (9) in May 2m 35.39s.

CAPONE 13-2 (9-12, Daniel Muscutt) Chased leaders indien 2f out, stayed on 2nd (6 8, 2) (16 24

in May 32 m 39.28s.

BEAU FRENCH (8-10, O Andigne) Tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, stayed on, 2nd of 8, 2l behind Sassifirassi (8-13) at Angers(FR) 1m 3f 3yo mdn st in May '21 2m 29.28s.

RAGOSINA 40-1 (9-6, Jack Quinlan) Held up in touch in mid-division, ridden over 3f out, edged left over 1f out, no extra inside final throng, 5th of 11, 6l behind Sawy Brilliance (9-7) at Wolverhampton 2m hcp 0-75 (5) in Jan 4m 34-50s.

ATALANTA BREEZE 11-1 (9-8, D C Costello) Raced wide close up, pushed along and lost place 4f out, ridden and headway over 1f out, stayed on towards finish, 3rd of 10, 5l behind Absolute Queen (9-9) at Brighton 1m 4f hcap (5) gd in May 2m 33.05s.

## 7.15 DEGEN DISTILLERY X MOOD FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £5,574 (8 run)

1 (8) 8-8132 CYPRIOT DIASPORA (17) B Millman 9-10 (BF,D)

2023: No corresponding race.

## RACING RESULTS

MUSSELBURGH
Going: Good to firm-good in places
6.10: 1, FIRST ALLIANCE (D Tudhope) 9-4; 2, National Interest 10-11 Fav;
3, Dain Ma Nut In 15-2. 10 ran. 1½I, hd. (K R Burke). Tote: Win £3.25; Pl £1.20,
£1.10, £1.80. Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £16.80. CSF: £4.98.
6.40: 1, RED FORCE ONE (C Beasley) 3-1; 2, Tafsir 6-5 Fav; 3, Desert
Quest 4-1. 4 ran. 4½I, 3¾I. (P Kirby). Tote: Win £4.00; Exacta: £6.80. Trifecta:
£11.30. CSF: £6.97.

Quest 4-1.4 ran. 4¼1, 3¾1. (P Kirby). Tote: Win £4.00; Exacta: £6.80. Trifecta: £11.30. CSF: £6.97.
7.10: 1, UNSPOKEN LOVE (D Tudhope) 2-11 Fav; 2, J Street 10-1; 3, Harswell Dandy 10-1.5 ran. nk, 41. (K R Burke). Tote: Win £1.19; Pl £1.02, £2.90. Exacta: £2.80. Trifecta: £6.40. CSF: £2.94.
7.40: 1, ROSENZOO (A Mullen) 13-2; 2. Elemental Eye 7-1; 3, Count Palatine 7-1. Also: 4-7 Fav He's Got Game. 5 ran. 1¾4, nk. (C Johnston). Tote: Win £7.50; Pl £2.30, £2.50. Exacta: £41.60. Trifecta: £111.30. CSF: £44.39.
8.15: 1, PATONTHEBACK (R Scott) 13-8 Fav; 2, Moondial 33-1; 3, Scarriff 5-2. 9 ran. 2½1, ⅓1. (G Tutty). Tote: Win £2.63; Pl £1.20, £7.70, £1.30. Exacta: £64.50. Triceas: £138.2. Trifecta: £28.90. CSF: £64.50.
8.45: 1, PROTEST RALLY (B Garritty) 11-1; 2, Havagomecca 9-4 JtFav; 3, Golden Rainbow 9-4 JtFav; (L Bailey). Tote: Win £12.60; Pl £3.00, £1.30, £1.10. Exacta: £44.90. Tricast: £77.78. Trifecta: £140.20. CSF: £35.82.

Pl 23.00, £1.30, £1.10. Exacta: £44.90. Incast: £77.78. Inflecta: £140.20. CSF: £35.82.

Placepot: £59.80. Quadpot: £11.60.

NEWBURY

Going: Good to firm

1.45: 1, BLUE YONDER (Miss B Hampson) 14-1; 2, Expert Witness 10-3

Fav; 3, Gert Lush 11-1.13 ran. 34, 1344. (A Watson). Tote: Win £16.60; Pl £5.20, £1.40, £3.70. Exacta: £72.80. Tricast: £552.44. Trifecta: £302.00. CSF: £59.56.

NR: Sea Of Charm, Stormingin.
2.20: 1, ANNO DOMINI (W Buick) 11-8 Fav; 2, Wild Clary 8-1; 3, Invited 18-1.11 ran. 34, nk. (C Appleb). Tote: Win £2.38; Pl £1.20, £2.30, £4.40. Exacta: £14.80. Trifecta: £155.50. CSF: £13.25.

2.50: 1, CHARMING WHISPER (Rossa Ryan) 7-2; 2, Sugarloaf Lenny 15-23, Havanarama 9-1. Also: 11-4 Fav Asimov. 10 ran. nk, ns. (P McBride). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.60, £2.90, £2.90. Exacta: £32.50. Tricast: £221.40. Trifecta: £221.70. CSF: £30.65. NR: Show Biz Kid.

3.25: 1, GREAT ACCLAIM (C Bishop) 7-1; 2, Tayala 7-1; 3, Double Red 33-1. 10 ran. 134, nk. (E J-Houghton). Tote: Win £6.10; PI £2.10, £1.50, £4.50. Exacta: £23.20. Tricast: £501.67. Trifiecta: £79.40. CSF: £24.51. NR: Global Asset. Global Assetl Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 30p in the pound. 4.00: 1, CLOVE HITCH (O Murphy) 4-6 Fav; 2, Lipizi6 £1.3, Fior Di Bosco 8-1. 11 ran. 8l, 8l. (A Balding). Tote: Win £1.67; PI £1.10, £1.70, £2.10. Exacta: £5.30. Trifecta: £21.90. CSF: £5.41. NR: Bernalda. 4.30: 1, STERLING KNIGHT (Rossa Ryan) 18-1; 2, Metaverse 15-2; 3, Zouzanna 6-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Hickory. 11 ran. hd, 1¼l. (E Dunlop). Tote: Win £20.60; Pi £5.20, £2.60, £2.00. Exacta: £158.60. Tricast: £938.82. Trifecta: £1358.80. CSF: £150.19. S.05: 1, SIXTIES CHIC (C Bishop) 13-2; 2, Starproof 13-2; 3, Whenthedealinsdone 9-1. Also: 4-1 Fav Treacherous. 12 ran. ¾l, ¾l. (J Channon). Tote: Win £750; Pl £1.90, £2.40, £2.70. Exacta: £48.50. Tricast: £388.33. Trifecta: £178.50. CSF: £48.04.

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5.40: 1, WONDER KID (O Murphy) 11-2; 2, Aulis 9-2; 3, Al Khawaneej River 12-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Rakki. 10 ran. 4¾1, ¾1. (H Palmer). Tote: Win £6.50; PI £1.90, £1.60, £2.60. Exacta: £33.80. Tricast: £285.46. Trifecta: £133.90. CSF £29.53. Jackpot: Not won, pool of £6,754.35 carried over to York. Placepot: £467.70. Quadpot: £72.10.

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NOTTINGHAM

Going: Good-good to firm in places
2.10: 1, AOMORI CITY (James Doyle) 4-6 Fay; 2, Intrusively 4-1; 3, Dr T
I G 11-1. 6 ran. ½1, 121. (C Appleby). Tote: Win £1.67; Pl £1.10, £2.00. Exacta: £3.50. Trifecta: £14.10. CSF: £3.52.
2.40: 1, INDEMNITY (James Doyle) 1-2 Fay; 2, Devious Devan 6-1; 3, Washeek 17-2. 10 ran. 21, nk. (R Varian). Tote: Win £1.50; Pl £1.10, £1.50, £1.90. Exacta: £4.80. Trifecta: £14.50. CSF: £4.94. NR: Pacific Prince.
3.10: 1, POST RIDER (S De Sousa) 15-8 Fay; 2, Delicacy 10-3; 3, Phoenix Duchess 6-1. 11 ran. nk, ¾1. (P & O Cole). Tote: Win £2.88; Pl £1.90, £1.40, £1.70. Exacta: £7.90. Tricast: £32.80. Trifecta: £35.30. CSF: £7.73.
3.45: 1, GREAT BLASKET (H DOyle) 3-1; 2, Obelix 18-1; 3, Benacre 11-2. Also: 11-8 Fay Yorkshire. 7 ran. ½1, nk. (Dr R Newland & J Insole). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.80, £7.80. Exacta: £44.20. Trifecta: £207.40. CSF: £4.90.4.

4.20: 1, LIPSINK (A Rawlinson) 16-1; 2, Enderman 4-1; 3, Rhythmic Acclaim 2-1 Fav. 12 ran. 11, shd. (M Appleby). Tote: Win £18.50; Pl £4.70, £1.60, £1.50. Exacta: £95.40. Tricast: £192.68. Trifecta: £314.70. CSF: £78.34. NR:

Claim 2-1 Fav. Lz rati. 11, 510. (17.152.68. Trifecta: £314.70. CSF: £78.34. NR: 21.50. Exacta: £95.40. Tricast: £192.68. Trifecta: £314.70. CSF: £78.34. NR: Prince Of Bel Lir.
4.55: 1, SIR BENEDICT (J Hart) 8-1; 2, Mrs Trump 3-1 Fav; 3, Toptime 10-3. 11 ran. nk, ns. (Mrs Stella Barclay). Tote: Win £9.10; Pl £2.70, £1.50, £1.50. Exacta: £38.90. Tricast: £98.60. Trifecta: £164.80. CSF: £31.56.
5.30: 1, CRYPTOS DREAM (Jack Doughty) 10-1; 2, Stintino Sunset 4-1 JIFav; 3, Khangai 9-2. Also: 4-1 JIFav Hotspur Harry. 11 ran. nk, nd. (A Carroll). Tote: Win £11.50; Pl £3.10, £1.60, £1.90. Exacta: £66.40. Tricast: £209.20. Trifecta: £342.30. CSF: £48.93. NR: Hurtle, Regency Boy.
Placepot: £10.40. Quadpot: £8.00.
WORCESTER Going: Good
5.50: 1, CALVIC (C Hammond) 7-2; 2, Jac Jumper 22-1; 3, Blazing Court 11-1. Also: 16-5 Fav What A Steal. 9 ran. shd, 4¾4l. (S Edmunds). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.70, £4.90, £2.70. Exacta: £75.80. Tricast: £756.47. Trifecta: £594.00. CSF: £67.01. NR: Noah's Light, Sunshine Girl.
6.20: 1, MATTERHORN (H Cobden) 3-1; 2, Boombawn 2-1 Fav; 3, Parc d'Amour 11-4. 4 ran. 4¼l, ¾4l. (P Nicholls). Tote: Win £4.00; Exacta: £9.20. Trifecta: £18.00. CSF: £9.22.

Infecta: £18.00. CSF: £9.22.
6.50: 1, TIGER ORCHID (C Hammond) 15-2; 2, Ajp Kingdom 13-2;
3, Scrum Diddly 6-4 Fav. 8 ran. 11, 1½l. (Dr R Newland & J Insole). Tote:
Win £8.70; Pt £2.20, £2.30, £1.20. Exacta: £69.80. Ticast: £111.86. Tiffecta:
£239.80. CSF: £54.95. NR: Hitching Jacking, One More Fleurie, Party Business.

ness. **7.25: 1, BUCKO'S BOY** (G Sheehan) 9-1; **2, Lallygag** 7-2; **3, Mr Yeats** 12-1. Also: 10-3 Fav Norton Hill. 10 ran. 5½l, 2l. (J Snowden). Tote: Win £10.80; Pl £2.70, £1.70, £2.90. Exacta: £49.30. Tricast: £383.85. Trifecta: £400.80. CSF: \$2.00, \$1.70, \$2.00 Basses -11 Fav; \$2\$, \$3.00 \$\text{Jacobs Acre } 17-2; \$3\$, \$\text{Ebony Warrior } 14-1. 10 ran. \$4\text{\(1\)}\$, \$6\text{\(1\)}\$. (O Murphy). Tote: \$\text{Win } 21.73; \$\text{Pl } \$1.10, \$1.90, \$23.20. \$\text{Exacta: } \$25.70. \$\text{Tifecta: } \$258.60. \$\text{CSF: } 28.68. \$\text{NR: } \$6\text{host } \$\text{Pepper, } \$\text{Groundbreaker.} \$8.25: \$1\$, \$\text{GARITSA }\$\text{BAY }\$ (C J Todd) \$10-3 JtFav; \$2\$, \$\text{Ascension }\$\text{Day } 7-2; \$3\$, \$\text{Quick }\$\text{Of }\$\text{The } \text{Night} \$33-1. \$\text{Also: } 10-3 JtFav Cusano. \$9\$ ran. \$\text{hd}\$, \$3\text{\(3\)}\$. (I William).

liams). Tote: Win £4.34; PI £1.60, £1.60, £6.70. Exacta: £16.40. Tricast: £321.20. Trifecta: £273.00. CSF: £15.79. NR: Cawthorne Cracker, The Sad Shepherd. 9.00: 1, GIULIETTA (H Skelton) 7.2 Fav; 2, Mays Hill 13-2; 3, Asa 11-2. 11 ran. 111, ¾4. (D Skelton). Tote: Win £4.50; PI £1.70, £2.30, £2.00. Exacta: £27.70. Tricast: £122.74. Trifecta: £149.50. CSF: £26.65. Placepot: £97.80. Quadpot: £10.40.

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Placepot: £97.80. Quadpot: £10.40.

YARMOUTH

Going: Soft-good to soft in places

2.00: 1, ANIF (S Feilden) 12-1; 2, Alexander James 13-2; 3, Realised 7-2.

Also: 6-4 Fav Seattle Time. 7 ran. 1¾1, 1¼1. (M Herrington). Tote: Win £13.00; Pl £4.10, £2.90. Exacta: £50.90. Trifecta: £347.00. CSF: £83.06.

2.30: 1, GOOD GOOD GOOD (Billy Loughnane) 7-4; 2, Arkhalia Flynn 15-2; 3, Shibuya Storm 40-1. Also: evens Fav Tourist. 6 ran. 3¼1, hd. (G Boughey). Tote: Win £2.80; Pl £1.50, £2.60. Exacta: £15.30. Trifecta: £180.50.

SFI: £14.51. NR: Rhapsody In Blue.

3.00: 1, HIDDEN PEARL (Gina Mangan) 15-2; 2, Henry The Fifth 20-1; 3, Kissininthebackrow 17-2. Also: 7-4 Fav Smart Charger. 9 ran. 2¼1, ¾1. (J Berry). Tote: Win £9.10; Pl £2.20, £4.40, £2.10. Exacta: £164.40. Tricast: £16269.29. Trifecta: £906.50. CSF: £129.92.

3.35: 1, ATLANTIC GAMBLE (C Shepherd) 7-2; 2, Salamanca City 11-4; 3, Saachi 7-1. Also: 2-1 Fav Tribal Chief. 9 ran. 1¾1, 61. (W Knight). Tote: Win £4.90; Pl £14.0, £1.20, £2.30. Exacta: £15.50. Tricast: £64.24. Trifecta: £74.30. CSF: £13.55. NR: Barroque Buoy, Beach Point, Duke Wellington, Heavenly Fire.

4.10: 1, PIPER'S FORT (L Morris) 12-1; 2, Reine Des Coeurs 7-2; 3, Carmarthen 6-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Edergole's Giff. 9 ran. 2¼1, ñx. (A Watson). Tote: Win £13.00; Pl £3.10. £150. £2.60. Exacta: £66.70. Tricast: £283.89. Trifecta: £530.70. CSF: £53.60. NR: Another Jack, Moreginplease.

4.40: 1, PORFIN (L Morris) 10-3; 2, Mehigburn 16-1; 3, Bernard Spierpoint 18-1. Also: 3-1 Fav Mc's Wag, 9 ran. 21, 11. (P McEntee). Tote: Win £4.34; Pl £13.0, £4.10, £3.10. Exacta: £49.10. Trifecta: £304.20. CSF: £53.39. NR: Autumn Flight.

Placepot: £2,810.90. Quadpot: £146.70.

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LADY FLORA ALLONSY

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in places.

COURSE: Right-handed galloping oval of 1m 5f with 4f uphill

**RAJETERIAT** 

PHOENIX STAR

ATTACK BORN RULER (NAP) CRIMSON ROAD

MIRRORING
COCK AND BULL (NB)

4 20	BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RAC Winner £5.400 (12 run)	E) (4) (2-Y-O)
1.3	Winner £5,400 (12 run)	5f 10yds
1 (3)	9 ART MARKET (12) W Haggas 9-7	T Marquand -
2 (8)	BACKSPIN R Hughes 9-7	
2 (8) 3 (7)	66 CANDY (10) R Spencer 9-7	
4 (9)	0 CHASING GOLD (34) R Cowell 9-7	D Muscutt -
<b>5</b> (10)	8 HUCKLESBROOK (21) R Teal 9-7	S Osborne -
6 (11)	5 MR COOL (16) C Johnston 9-7	K Stott -
7 (6)	RAGE OF THUNDER G & J Moore 9-7	
8 (1)	33 RAJETERIAT (31) Tom Clover 9-7	
9 (5)	5 REDORANGE (21) C Cox 9-7	R Kingscote -
10 (2)	54 <b>SIEGEN</b> (21) R Hannon 9-7	P Dobbs -
11 (4)	TOP STAR R Hughes 9-7	
<b>12</b> (12)	SKELLIG ISLE T Ward 9-2	S M Levev —

BETTING: 5-2 Rajeteriat, 7-2 Siegen, 13-2 Backspin, 8 Top Star, 10 Hucklesbrook, Art Market, Redorange, 14 Mr Cool, 16 Others.
2023: NAZALAN 9 7, Robert Havlin 4-1 (S Woods), drawn (2), 7 ran.

## 2.05 MOLSON COORS BEVERAGE COMPANY HANDICAP (4) Winner £6,019 (16 run) 5f 10yds

		ACKLAM					
2	(6) 503229	<b>DUBAI ST</b>	<b>ATION</b> (25)	(P) R Cowell	79-9 (D) I	) Muscutt	į
3	(4) 138-67	HIERARC	<b>HY</b> (16) (P,T)	J Osborne 5	9-9 <b>S</b>	Osborne	į
4	(14) 4-2148	<b>MOULIN E</b>	300J (44) (	H) G Scott 4 9	9-8 (D3) C \$	Shepherd	•
5	(8) 4-7850	<b>LIL GUFF</b>	(25) D & C Ki	ubler 5 9-7 (C	D)(	O Murphy	•
6	(1) 8750/5	<b>ATALANT</b>	À'S BOY (1	6) A Irvine 9	9-7 <b>A</b> I	Keelev (3)	
7	(9) 94-302	BRAVE N	<b>ATION</b> (13)	(H) M Bell 4 9	3-7 (D) K S	Shoemark	•
8	(12)0-2435	<b>JENEVER</b>	(20) Jessica	Macey 5 9-6	(D <sup>2</sup> )	Edmunds	•
9	(2) -76063	<b>FANTASY</b>	MÁSTER	(9) (P) Darryl	Hólland 6 9-	3 (BF,D2)	
	` '					Marguand	
	/-: ·						

10 (5) 721367 MAHARAJAS EXPRESS (14) (B) Jack Jones 4 9-0 (D<sup>2</sup>) 11 (11)911752 BANG ON THE BELL (29) (B) J R Jenkins 5 9-0 (D

16 (13)-98365 **SECRET HANDSHEIKH** (17) (B) J Gallagher 6 8-4 (D<sup>4</sup>)

BETTING: 9-2 Brave Nation, 13-2 Fantasy Master, 7 Jenever, 8 Acklam Express, 10 Phoenix Star, Mary Of Modena, Bang On The Bell, 12 Hierarchy, 14 Others. 2023: LIL GUFF 4 9 13, William Buick 3-1 Fav (D & C Kubler), drawn (4), 9 ran.

## 2-40 BRITISH EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O)

	ITV	winner £5,400 (12 run)		- 1
1	(2)	AEGEAN SEA J & T Gosden 9-7	K Shoemark	-
2	(6)	2 ATTACK (18) J & T Gosden 9-7	O Murphy	-
3	(10)	CASPIAN KING D Menuisier 9-7	T Marguand	-
4	(5)	CHARMING FELLOW P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	.C Shepherd	-
5	(12)	CONSOLIDATION R Beckett 9-7	lames Doyle	-
6	(11)	5 DIVIDEND (29) Dr R Newland & J Insole 9-7	Rossa Ryan	-
7	(7)	<b>JET PACKÈR</b> R Hannon 9-7	S M Levey	-
8	(9)	MAXIMUS ALEXIOS R Hannon 9-7	David Egan	-
9	(4)	6 MOON SNIPER (21) W Muir & C Grassick 9-7	.L Edmunds	-
10	(8)	ROYAL OFFICER C Appleby 9-7		
		8 VAN AERT (18) A Watson 9-7		
12	(3)	WINDLORD A Balding 9-7	K Stott	-
		A David Officer 70 Attack 40 0 Consolidation Assess		

BETTING: 9-4 Royal Officer, 7-2 Attack, 13-2 Consolidation, Aegean Sea, 8 I Alexios, 12 Windlord, 14 Jet Packer, 16 Caspian King, Dividend, 33 Others. 2023: SUNWAY 9 7, Oisin Murphy 13-2 (D Menuisier), drawn (2), 9 ran.

## 3.15 BOOK YOUR CORAL-ECLIPSE TICKETS NOW HANDICAP

<b>22 2 3</b> (6) William (17 Tall)	1111 11 <b>200</b> y	uu
1 (1) 100-87 CHASING APHRODITE (20) Harry Eustace 5 9-9.	T Marquand	90
2 (10)44-548 MAJESTIC (28) J Channon 6 9-8 K		
3 (7) 7-2748 SWEET REWARD (14) J Portman 7 9-7 (CD <sup>2</sup> ). F	lossa Ryan	88
4 (9) 285-24 WISPER (20) M Tregoning 6 9-4 (D <sup>6</sup> )	Fraser (5)	85
5 (3) 6-124 <b>PRINCE MÁXI</b> (55) G Scott 4 9-3		
6 (11) 3136-3 CRYSTAL MARINER (36) Sir M Stoute 4 9-3 (D)F	R Kingscote	84
7 (8) 1333-3 ISLAND STAR (20) R Varian 4 9-2	Doubtful	83
8 (5) 150-36 GALLANT LION (28) A King 4 9-2 (BF,CD)	W Buick	83
9 (2) 315-22 BORN RULER (23) Sir M Prescott 4 9-0 (BF,CD	L Morris	81
10 (4) 36434- BIZARRE LAW (257) A Balding 5 9-0	O Murphy	81
11 (6) 4-8420 MAPOGO (60) (T) M Pattinson 4 8-7 A		
BETTING: 4 Crystal Mariner, 9-2 Born Ruler, Gallant Lion, 11-2 Prince N		
Majestic, Bizarre Law, 12 Chasing Aphrodite, Sweet Reward, 50 Others	i	
2023; PARADIAS 4 9 9. Hollie Dovle 15-2 (A King), drawn (9), 9 ran.		

Majestic, Bizarré Law, 12 Chasing Aphrodite, Sweet Reward, 50 Others.

2023: PARADIAS 4 99, Hollie Doyle 15-2 (A King), crawn (9), 9 ran.

CHASING APHRODITE 34-1 (9-4, lack Enright) Led, headed 3f out, lost place over 1f out, no impression after, 7th of 11, 13 4l behind Torry Montana (9-10) at Windsor 1 m 2f lcp 0-90 (3) gd in May 2m 0769s.

MAJESTIG 9-1 (8-13, George Bass) Awkwards start, midfield, pushed along and headway over 1f out, no impression final furlong, 8th of 16, 71 behind Botanical (9-8) at York 1 m 2f lhcp 0-100 (2) gd in May 2m 02-24s.

SWEET REWARD 16-1 (8-9, 5 De Sousa) Took keen hold, prominent, ridden over 2f out, tost place over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 13, 8t behind Bolster (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m 2f lcp (2) gs in May 2m 12.07s.

WISPER 12-1 (9-4, D C Cosello) Slowly into stride, held up towards rear, headway over 2f out, soon switched left, close up inside final furlong, 8th of 13, 8t behind Bolster (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m 2f lcp (2) gs in May 2m 12.07s.

WISPER 12-1 (9-4, D C Cosello) Slowly into stride, held up towards rear, headway over 2f out, soon switched left, close up inside final furlong, held close home, 4th of 11, 11 behind Torry Montana (9-10) at Windsor 1m 2f lcp 0-90 (3) gd in May 2m 07.69s.

PRINCE MAXI 6-1 (9-8, W Buck) in touch, headway 3f out, ridden and kept on inside final furlong, 4th of 18, 4th behind Close home 12 lcp 0-90 (3) gd in May 2m 07.69s.

GRALLANT LION 72fav (9-4, Rossa Ryan) Held up in midfield, switched right over 3f out, soon ridden, kept on same pace final furlong, 3rd of 11, 3t behind Torry Montana (9-6) at Chester 1m 2 lcp 0-90 (3) gd in May 2m 07.69s.

GALLANT LION 72fav (9-4, Rossa Ryan) Held up in midfield, switched right over 3f out, soon ridden, kept on same pace 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong, no danger, 6th of 14, 2 1/21 behind Hosanna Power (9-2) at Newbury 1 m 2f lccp (3) gd in May 2m 08.40s.

BORN RULEER 6-44ev (9-9, L. Morris) Dwelt, took keen hold craced wide, in touch, headway to track leaders over 3f out, ri

DRAW: At 5f especially on soft, low numbers best if stalls far

DHAM: At 51 especially on soil, low humbers best if states and side side, high best stalls stand side

TOP TRAINERS: Gary & Josh Moore 32-234 (13.7%), John & Thady Gosden 28-141 (19.9%), Charlie Appleby 26-90 (28.9%).

TOP JOCKEYS: William Buick 42-184 (22.8%), Oisin Murphy 36-191 (18.8%), Tom Marquand 23-144 (16.0%).

## 4.25 STUART ROBERT ALAN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,449 (12 run) 7f

1	(3) (9)	334-6	SAVIC	<b>DUR</b> (14	1) (H',T) (	H Palmer	9-10		R Havlin	7
2	(9)	2161	DIVIN	E BRE	ATH (8	B) R Beck	ett 9-10(6	Sex) (D) F	Rossa Ryan	70
3	(8)	4-10	SUNF	<b>ALL</b> (20	6) W Hà	ggas 9-9 (	(BF,D)	1	Γ Marquand	7
1	(6)	244-1	STATI	E FLÀC	Ġ (22) T	Ward 9-9	(D)		. D Muscutt	7
5	(12	)545-15	ZIPST	ER (22)	) S&E(	Crisford 9-	8		W Buick	7
3	(10)	03316-	MIRR	ORING	(258) N	/I Bell 9-8	(D)		K Stott	: 7
7	(1)	18-	KING	OF CH	IARM	(242) Ma	rtin Dunn	e 9-8 (D)	). D Keenan	1 74
3	(7)	5-42	GRAE	ECIA (4	<ol> <li>J Butle</li> </ol>	er 9-7		i	David Egan S Osborne	73
9	(4)	123-6	LUNA	R STR	RÉETS	(44) E D	unlop 9-7	'	S Osborne	: 73
10	(11)	) 523-30	RATIN	<b>IG</b> (16) I	B Meeha	an 9-7			. S M Levey	7
									G Rooke	
12	(5)	3-53	LADY	FLOR	A (16) A	<b>Balding</b>	9-4		O Murphy	70
31	ΞŤ	ING: 5-2	Divine B	reath, 6 Z	Zipster, La	ady Flora,	8 Sunfall,	State Fla	ag, 10 Graecia	a, 1
_U	nar	Streets,	Mirroring	, 16 Othe	rs.	-			-	

2023: HAT TOSS 9 8, Laura Pearson(3) 8-1 (D Loughnane), drawn (9), 9 ran.

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## GARRY OWEN

FEEL THE NEED **ISLA BELLA** 3.00 MIDREAM (NB)
3.35 SUNSHINE SOUL

REACH **PENZANCE** 4.45 LIFE ON THE ROCKS

13 (11) 150-20 BICEP (59) G Tuer 5 9-0 (D4). ....C Planas

## 2.25 CGE YORKSHIRE ROUS SELLING STAKES (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £12,885 (15 run)

1 (4) 2 (3)	15 WINCHURCH (54) M	Appleby 9-7 <b>A</b>	Rawlinson -
2 (3)	7 <b>BLACK TIDE</b> (25) K F	łyan 9-4	T Eaves -
3 (2) 4 (6)	4 BUNGLE REIGNS (16	Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood 9	-4.B Garritty -
4 (6)	8427 CLAY SHOVELER (	<ol><li>P Evans 9-4 (BF)</li></ol>	J Peate (3) -
5 (11)	CUGINI N Tinkler 9-4		
6 (14)	3 I LOVE DAD (5) J Osb	orne 9-4	H Turner -
7 (10)	4 INCONSPICUOUS		
8 (7)	5 MRBLUESKY (18) R	Fahey 9-4	Oisin Orr -
9 (5)	24 <b>REX CARVER</b> (15) C	Johnston 9-4	J Hart -
<b>10</b> (9)	61 ISLA BELLA (17) (T)	G Boughey 9-2 (D). Billy L	oughnane -
<b>11</b> (12)	5555 <b>CHALENA</b> (31) P Evai	ns 8-13 F	Cosgrave -
12 (8)		RGE (15) Craig Lidster 8-13	3.W Pyle (5) -
13 (1)	02 LUCKY LOTTERY (	16) G Kelleway 8-13	D Allan -
14 (13)	75 OWT FOR NOWT (3	9) O Pears 8-13	C Hardie -
<b>15</b> (15)	65 WONDROUS WAYS	(25) O Pears 8-13 Joan	nna Mason -
BETTÍN	NG: 7-2 Isla Bella, 5 Rex Carver, 6 I		
Clay Sh	noveler 12 Winchurch Rungle Reign	ns 14 Others	

GUNLOCK BUNGLE REIGNS THURSDAY'S CHILD RIVER SEINE ARCTIC MOUNTAIN

1 (4)	15 WINCHUF	<b>RCH</b> (54) M Apple	by 9-7	A Rawlinson -
1 (4) 2 (3)	7 BLACK TI	<b>DE</b> (25) K Ryan 9	-4	T Eaves -
3 (2) 4 (6)	4 BUNGLE F	REIGNS (16) Tony	Coyle & Kaine Wood	9-4.B Garritty -
4 (6)	8427 <b>CLAY SHO</b>	<b>DVELER</b> (5) P E	vans 9-4 (BF)	J Peate (3) -
5 (11)	CUGINI N	Finkler 9-4		R Scott -
6 (14)	3 I LOVE DA	D (5) J Osborne	9-4	H Turner -
7 (10)	4 INCONSP	<b>ICÚOUS</b> (25) O	Pears 9-4	H Russell -
8 (7)	5 MRBLUES	<b>SKY</b> (18) R Fahey	/ 9-4	Oisin Orr -
<b>8</b> (7) <b>9</b> (5)	24 REX CAR	<b>VER</b> (15) C John	ston 9-4	J Hart -
<b>10</b> (9)	61 ISLA BEL	LA (17) (T) G Bou	ighey 9-2 (D). Billy	Loughnane -
<b>11</b> (12)	5555 CHALENA	🕽 (31) P Éváns 8-1	3	P Cosgrave -
12 (8)	55 ELEMENT	ary charge	(15) Craig Lidster 8-	13.W Pyle (5) -
13 (1)	02 LUCKY LO		Kelleway 8-13	
<b>14</b> (13)	75 OWT FOR	NOWT (39) O I	Pears 8-13	C Hardie -
<b>15</b> (15)	65 WONDRO	US WAYS (25)	O Pears 8-13 Jo	anna Mason -
BETTÍN	G: 7-2 Isla Bella, 5 R	ex Carver, 6 I Lové	Dad, 7 Mrbluesky, 8	3 Lucky Lottery, 1
	oveler, 12 Winchurch.			, ,

3.00 BRITISH EBF SUPPORTING RACING WITH PRIDE FILLIES'
HANDICAP (2) Winner £18,039 (13 run)
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**GOING:** Good-Good to Soft in places. **COURSE:** Left-handed, u-shaped track of 2m, 5f run-in. Races

**DRAW:** Inconsistent on straight, low best on round course.

## 3.35 JUDDMONTE EBF FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES

4	(GBB NACE) (2) (2-1-0) Williel £13,402 (7 Iuli)	IJ
(3)	45 BAILEYS JUBILATION (28) C Johnston 9-2 J Hart	
(5)	RAISON D'ETRE E J-Houghton 9-2Georgia Dobie	_
(5) (4)	23 RIVER SEINE (25) K R Burke 9-2 (BF)DTudhope	
(7)	2 SUNSHINE SOUL (9) G Boughey 9-2 Billy Loughnane	_
(6) (1)	5 HAVANA GILA (23) Harry Eustace 9-0HTurner	_
(1)	INNOCENT SMÌLÉ N Tínkler 9-0R Scott	_
(2)	6 I GOT SOUL (11) K Ryan 8-12T Eaves	_
ETTING	: 7-4 River Seine, 9-4 Baileys Jubilation, 9-2 Sunshine Soul, 7 Havana Gila,	12

Baison D'etre 16 I Got Soul 33 Innocent Smile

## ✓ ✓ SEAT UNIQUE HANDICAP (2)

4. IV	Winner £36,078 (17 run) 1m 21	56yds
		uez 104
2 (1) 3-2670	6 <b>OVIEDO</b> (35) E Bethell 4 9-12 (D)	
. ,	Billy Loughn	ane 102
	2 PENZANCE (77) M Appleby 4 9-8 (D4)A Rawlin	
	O STORM CATCHER (59) S Pearce 6 9-3 (D5). P Cosgi	
	- SCAMPI (244) (H) A Balding 6 9-3 (C)HTu	
	4 <b>MACHETE</b> (18) D O'Meara 5 9-1 <b>D Tudh</b>	
7 (7) -35151	1 ARTHUR'S REALM (18) (P) E Dunlop 6 9-1 (D) . Oisin	<b>Orr</b> 93
8 (6) 315-20	0 GODWINSON (27) W Haggas 4 9-0 (BF)H Cro	uch 92
	O OLD HARROVIAN (69) (T) A Balding 5 8-13 (BF) C	
10(2) -73581	1 RON O (25) R Craggs 6 8-11	Hart 89
<b>11</b> (11) 42755-	- HAVE SECRET (245) R Fahey 4 8-10 (D)B Gar	ritty 88
12 (13) 7420-8	B MUSTAZEED (28) Harry Eustace 6 8-9 (D4)	ood 87
	3 REACH (28) M & D Easterby 6 8-9 (CD)	
14 (15) -41069	9 PARLANDO (13) I Williams 5 8-9 (D)	<b>y</b> (5) 87
	<ul> <li>MASEKELA (272) T Easterby 5 8-7D Fentir</li> </ul>	
<b>16</b> (9) 12/6-7	7 <b>HIGH FIBRE</b> (28) (T) H Fry 5 8-7 <b>Jack Enrigh</b>	t (7) 85
17 (16) (16040	OITA AL (10) C lobraton F 0 C (D)	100 01

## 4.45 IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HANDICAP (4) Winner £10,468 (16 run) 1m 2f

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1 (1) 22-321 ARCTIC MOUNTAIN (6) (P) S bin Surror 4 10-0 (D) ... C Howarth (3) 80 ... C Howarth (3) 80 ... C Howarth (3) 80 ... S Howarth (3) 80 ... C Howar

9 (15)2518-0 BINT AL DAAR (26) K P De Foy 4 9-4. — C Lee 75
10 (5) 08-711 POL ROGER (23) (P) M Dods 4 9-3 (D\*) — S B Kirrane 74
11 (12) /4015- INVISIBLE FRIEND (265) K Ryan 5 9-2 (D) — R Scott 73
12 (2) 548873 PARIS LIGHTS (12) P Midgley 5 9-0 (D) — Mark Winn (3) 71
13 (3) 14-711 SHIFTER (17) W Storey 5 8-11 (D\*) — Paula Muir (3) 68
14 (10) 3552-8 COSMIC SOUL (32) (P) P Neville 4 8-10 — J Fanning 67
15 (9) 22-734 MY HARRISON GEORGE (7) (P) R Fahey 4 8-8 — J Leavy (5) 65

B Mcl ernon 71 BETTING: 4 Mattie Ross, 5 Etoile Brillanie, Clatterbridge, 13-2 Kapamazov, Fantom Coilrock, 14 Moro Rock, Ideal De Romay, Blended Stealth, 20 Others.

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## GARRY OWEN

FINN LOUGH 5.15 5.50 **KAARESS** LEADING FORCE ITTACK BLUE 6.25

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## 5.15 BLOCK FREE SERVICES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HAND-ICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £5,281 (12 run) 2m 4f 139yds

Abbie McCain (3) 109

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3 /33P-5 NOT WHAT IT SEEMS (24) M Hammond 8 11+13.

4 21P64 PRESENTING PETE (195) J Mackie 7 11+12. P J Kavanagh 108
5 84F-74 LONE STAR (19) (T) P Kirby 7 11+12. J J Williamson 108
6 /2PP-4 MAMOON STAR (32) F O'Brien 6 11+11. Fern O'Brien (3) 107
7 /5452- FINN LOUGH (54) (T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 5 11+9 (BF)...

Toby Wynne (3) 105
8 326-31 MCGOWAN'S PASS (19) (P) J Candlish 13 11+8. J Anderson 104
9 3/1-6 QUEEN ANTOINETTE (30) E Lavelle 7 11+8. J A Anderson 104
1032U-83 SKIP MAHLER (19) (H) M Walford 7 11-5. ... William Maggs 101
11 254-03 SPOT ON SOPH (20) (T) S England 8 11+4 (C). T Midgley (3) 100
12 904-13 JAXONNE (23) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 10-12 (D).

Benjamin Maccy (10) 94
BETTING: 4 Finn Lough, 11-2 McGowaris Pass, Charles St, 13-2 Javonne, 15-2 Pesenting Pete, 8 Spot On Soph, 12 Could Be Trouble, 14 Queen Antionete, 16 Others. 3 /33P-5 NOT WHAT IT SEEMS (24) M Hammond 8 11-13...

	Pete, 8 Spot On Sopn, 12 Could Be Trouble, 14 Queen	,	
5.5	50 LINCS LOOS JUVENILE HURDLE (GBE Winner £4,084 (12 run)	3 RACE) (4) (3-Y-O) 2m 125yds	6
1	3 BAJAN NEW MOON (13) R Potter 11-0		
2	KALKAROO Billy Aprahamian 11-0		
3	1 ON THE BUBBLE (13) (H) B Haslam 11-0.	R McLernon -	
4	PLAY PRETEND Dave Roberts 11-0		
5	SMOOTH TRANSITION A Keatley 11-0		
6	TACTICAL CONTROL B Brookhouse 11-	0J Quinlan -	
7	TRAFALGAR SQUARE (T') O Greenall 8	& J Guerriero 11-0	
		H Brooke -	
8	HAPPY PLACE D Skelton 10-7	H Skelton -	
9	2 KAARESS (13) O Pears 10-7 (BF)	B Hughes -	
10	U NOBODYS GIRL (13) B Ellison 10-7		
11	OPEC James Owen 10-7	T Cannon -	

6.25 BLOCK FREE SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £5,677 (7 run)

Vinner £5,677 (7 run) 2m 5f 89yds
451P-4 TUPELO MISSISSIPPI (35) (P) B Ellison 9 12-0...
Craig Nichol 112
/326-1 LEADING FORCE (35) (P) A M Thomson 7 12-0 (D). R Mania 112
2452-3 HALL LANE (32) A King 6 12-0... T Bellamy 112
/11U-3 FAZAYTE (13) (P) R Potter 9 11-10 (C<sup>2</sup>).... D Johnston (5) 108
/136P- MIKHAILOVICH (51) (∏ K Bailey 7 11-8.... G Sheehan 106
P331/7 FOXINTHEBOX (39) O Murphy 8 11-4... K Brogan 102
61191/ WHO'S THE GUV'NOR (652) (T) M Hammond 10 11-2 (C<sup>2</sup>).
B Hughes 100

BETTING: 11-8 Leading Force, 9-2 Hall Lane, 6 Fazayte, 7 Who's The Guv'nor, 10

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places. COURSE: Right-handed, undulating, oval course of 1m 2f, seven easy fences per circuit and a run-in of 250 yards.

seven easy rences per circuit and a run-in or 250 yards. TOP TRAINERS: Olly Murphy 47-222 (21.2%), Dan Skelton 35-177 (19.8%), Fergal O'Brien 32-161 (19.9%), Micky Hammond 21-141 (14.9%), Nigel Twiston-Davies 14-92 (15.2%), Jojo & A J O'Neill 13-100 (13.0%), Donald McCain 12-89 (13.5%). TOP JOCKEYS: Brian Hughes 35-201 (17.4%), Harry Skelton 26-115 (22.6%), Sam Twiston-Davies 21-112 (18.8%), Henry Brooke 16-94 (17.0%), Tom Cannon 12-89 (13.5%), Sean Quinlan 10-75 (13.3%), Charlie Hammond 10-116 (8.6%).

## **7.00** LINCS LOOS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £5,281 (7 run) 1 2496-8 CASTEL GANDOLFO (34) (P,T) F O'Brien 7 11-11...

...J J Burke 120 L Harrison 118 2 6251-B **OSLO** (27) (P) F O'Brien 7 11-9 (CD)...... L Harr 3 3375-4 **CHAOS CONTROL** (22) (P) S Edmunds 5 11-6 (CD)..... 

## **7.35** BLOCK FREE SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m 1f 43yds

1 125F4- CEDAR HILL (131) A M Thomson 10 12-0 (D<sup>5</sup>) ... 2 F42-44 IMPERIAL BEDE (17) Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11-11

3 33P6-1 STORMIN CROSSGALES (36) (H,T) T R George 7 11-10.

4 /222-1 GREAT SAMOURAI (18) (T) C & A Pogson 7 11-6. C J Todd 112
5 2209-8 RESTANDBETHANKFUL (18) (T) Lizzie Quinlan 8 11-5 (CD).
Sean Quinlan 111
6 6461-2 GOWER PRINCE (33) (H) N Twiston-Davies 6 11-3 (BF).

7 4135-6 STROLL ON BY (39) C Longsdon 7 10-12 (D)....Lilly Pinchin 104
BETTING: 9-4 Great Samourai, 5-2 Stormin Crossgales, 6 Imperial Bede, Cedar Hill,
13-2 Gover Prince, 12 Stroll On By, 16 Restandbethankful.

## 13-2 Gower Prince, 12 Stroll On By, 16 Restandbethanktul. 8.05 LINCS LOOS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,697 (11 run) 2m 7f 16yds 1 0647-4 KAPAMAZOV (23) H Evans 7 11-12. B Poste 95 2 6462-4 MATTIE ROSS (27) R Phillips 8 11-11. F Lambert (3) 94 3 2135-3 FANTOMAS (33) (V) N Twiston-Davies 8 11-2. J Brace (7) 85 4 45P4-F MORO ROCK (35) Sara Ender 7 11-2. H Bannister 85 5 7/99-1 CLATTERBRIDGE (27) Mrs Stella Barclay 7 11-2 (D). Craig Nichol 85

6 459P-1 **ETOILE BRILLANTE** (15) M Wigham 6 10-7. ...**A Anderson** (5) 76 

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## GGAS AND REAPS

REBAATT (3.25) should strike for William Haggas in the Pure Homes Handicap at Chester.

The three-year-old relished tackling 1m 2f when second to Whathappensinvegas at Newmarket last month.

The bay remains nicely unexposed so ought to claim another strong contest. **FEEL THE NEED** (1.50) can

get the job done for shrewd Michael Herrington at York.

The gelding had a personal

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best when routing Mereside **Diva** over track and trip last month. That race is working out well so the four-year-old stands to defy a 4lb hike.

MIDREAM (3.0) should extend Ed Walker's terrific run in the EBF Fillies' Handicap.

The sprinter was a superb third to Electric Storm in Listed company at Haydock three weeks ago and can deliver down in class. REACH (4.10)

can boost her cracking course record in the Seat Unique Handicap after an eye-catching third to Botanical on her return here four weeks ago.

Mick and David Easterby's mare should be primed so can capitalise on an attractive mark.

Richard Fahev excels here so it's worth backing LIFE ON THE ROCKS (4.45) in the last.

The gelding sealed a hattrick by pipping Laser Focus at Wetherby three days ago.

That is respectable form so

the six-year-old should make it four despite a 5lb penalty.

**BRAVE NATION** (2.05) can show his mettle in the Molson Handicap at Sandown.

Michael Bell's gelding had a near miss to Hiya Maite at Doncaster 13 days ago and remains fairly treated.

BORN RULER (3.15) ought to take control for Sir Mark Prescott in the 1m 2f handicap.

The gelding ran a stormer when second to Pol Roger at Ayr last month. That was a red-hot contest so the bay stands to triumph on this more conventional track.

Team Walker can also get on the scoresheet here with **DEVOIRS CHOICE** (3.50).

The gelding improved for a step up to 1m 2f when edged out by Old Cock at Haydock last week. The bay lurks on an attractive mark so can go one better under Saffie Osborne.

LADY FLORA (4.25) should build on encouraging novice efforts for Andrew Balding.



**DISHING OUT DEFEAT Haggas** 

7f 127vds

## HESTER SKY SPORTS RACING.

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SPIORADALTA

LAST APPLAUSE DUKES OF HAATHER

REBAATT (NAP) VELLNER

4.00

STAR SHIELD COLORADA DANCER

**OLD CHUMS** DUKES OF HAATHER AMANCIO WAKE UP HARRY

**OUTRUN THE STORM** 

MR SQUIRES COLORADA DANCER GARRY'S DOUBLE: REBAATT (NAP, 3.25 Chester)

## & Midream (3.00 York). 1.40 FRIDAY SOCIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (4) Winner £7,246 (10 run) 7f 1yds

4 (9) -03075 ON A SESSION (13) D & N Barron 8 11-1 (D2).

7 (5) 2-0890 BASS PLAYER (28) (T) K Frost 5 10-13 (D).... .... Doubtful 77 8 (1) 66-135 **OUTRUN THE STORM** (26) R Fahey 6 10-9 (D

(3), 10 ran.

RED MIRAGE 6-1 (9-7, Jason Hart) Keen tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 11 out, weakened towards finish, 6th of 7, 3 1/21 behind Metabolt (9-9) at Leicester 7f hcp 0-85 (4) sft 1m 26.64s.

MAXI BOY 17-2 (9-10, Hector Crouch) Raced wide close up, pushed along and weakened over 11 out, 9th of 10, 51 behind Riot (9-8) at Chelmsford City 7f hcp 0-80 (4) pol in Nov 1 m 22.75s.

MAXI BOY 17-2 (9-10, Hector Crouch) Raced wide close up, pushed along and weakened over 11 out, 9th of 10, 51 behind Riot (9-8) at Chelmsford City 71 hop 0-80 (4) pol in Nov 1 m 22.75s.

ON A SESSION 6-1 (9-7, 0 J Orr) in touch on inner, ridden and switched left under 37 out, kept on well inside final furlong, 5th of 11, 31 behind New Image (9-8) at Musselburgh 71 heap (4) got 1 m 28.62s.

SOAR ABOVE 50-1 (9-5. N Calan) Held up towards rear, well beaten inside final 21, 8th of 10, 8t behind Rajindri (9-6) at Kempton 71 hcp 0-85 (4) pol in May 1 m 24.15s.

SPIORADALTA 7-1 (9-4, J Garritty) Midfield, pushed along over 27 out, ridden over 11 out, neet an inside final 12 mlong, 5th of 8, 71 behind Spirit Genie (9-7) at Nottingham 1 mh cp-0-85 (4) gd in May 1 m 43.05s.

BASS PLAFER 50-1 (9-3, Ben Sanderson) Towards rear, ridden over 2f out, never nearer, 14th of 20, 9t behind Riot (9-6) at York 71 hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 1 m 24.45s.

OUTFIUN THE STORM 8-1 (9-2, 0 J Orr) Chased leaders out wide, ridden and unable to quicken over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 11, 4t behind Noodle Mission (9-1) at Newmarket 71 hcp 0-80 (4) gd in May 1 m 24.35s.

LHIBRI 10-1 (9-9) Harry Burns) Short of room soon start, always in rear, last of 9, 15t behind Regal Envoy (9-9) at Lingfield 6f app hcp (5) gd 1 m 10.61s.

KING OF THE DANCE 28-1 (10-13, Miss Jessical Lewellym) Held up in rear, pushed along far side over 2f out, no impression, 6th of 13, 14t behind Dakota Power (11-2) at Salisbury 7f am hcp 0-60 (6) st in May 1 m 36.18s.

6f 17yds

## **2.15** CAMDEN STOUT HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £7,644 (12 run)

QUIET RESOLVE 11-2fav (9-6, Rachael Blackmore) Mid-division, ridden 2f out, stayed on 1f out, never on terms, 8th of 19, 51 behind Burdett (9-5) at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 26.19s.

OLD CHUMS 12-1 (9-2, Alistair Pawlinson) Prominent on outer, pushed along over 2f out and hung left, weakened 1f out, 11th of 19, 101 behind Burdett (9-5) at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 26.19s.

ONIGIRI 15-2 (9-8, Marco Ghiani) Went badly left and hampered rivals start, led 1f, chased leader until pushed along over 2f out, ridden and one pace in 3rd over 1f out, 3rd of 9, 2 behind Mart (9-9) at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) pol in May 1m 11.24s.

COOL RUN 18-1 (9-0, Ryan Sexton) Tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened approaching final furlong, 5th of 6, 131 behind Vanriheman (9-6) at Newcastle 6f Handicap (0-82) (3yo) (4) in May 58.89s.

INFINITY BLUE 18-1 (19-2, Ryan Sexton) Towards rear, ridden over 2f out, effort over 1f out, no impression, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 9, 7l behind Cross The Tracks (9-9) at Newcastle 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) in May 1m 11.75s.

MASTER FRANCA 13-2 (9-3, Joe Leavy) Close 3rd out wide, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and weakened final furlong, 6th of 8, 8l behind Silver Trumpet (9-8) at Salisbury 7f hcap (5) gd in May 1m 28.22s.

MACANUDO 11+2 (713, 5) B Doven) Off the pace in last pair, ridden near side of group 2f out, hung right and plugged on inside final furlong never dangerous, 5th of 6, 4 1/2l behind Sergeant Vilkio (9-3) at Leicoster 6f 3yo hcp 0-90 (3) gs in May 1m 1195s.

JUDGE FRANK 50-1 (9-7, Billy Loughnane) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, still Mar 1m 30.70s.

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## 2.50 CHESTER SELLING STAKES (4) (2-Y-O)

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3	(3)	733 <b>DUKES C</b>	OF HAATHER (28) A	Keatley 9-4.P Mulrennan —
4	(5)	0 CAMDEN	FLYER (11) A Balding	8-13 D Probert —
5	(1)	7 ELLADO	<b>RA BLACK</b> (13) C JŏI	nnston 8-13 F Norton —
6	(10)	EYE PUZ	ZLE Darryll Holland 8-13	3 R Dawson —
7	(6) 4	13936 FAR ABO	VE MAŔY (13) H Palr	ner 8-13 A Mullen —
8	(9)	MAGICTO	OPISSIMA G Tuer 8-1	3S De Sousa —
9	(7)	7 MANILA	THRILLER (20) J Cha	nnon 8-13C Beasley —
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1	1 (12)	SHIELAS	WELL G Tuer 8-13	P-L Jamin —
1	2(4)	68 WHISKE	Y GLASSES (14) Ollie	Sangster 8-13 N Currie —
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(5) pol 1m 12.31s. SHIELAS WELL Saxon Warrior filly out of Amchitka. WHISKEY GLASSES 40-1 (8-11, Nicola Currie) Bumped start, mid-division, edged left and bumped 2f out, well beaten over 1f out, 8th of 10, 11l behind Teej A (9-2) at Epsom Downs 6f 2yo stks (2) gs in May 1m 13.44s.

## **3.25** PURE HOMES HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) Winner £7,644 (12 run)

1 (3) -14116 TASMANIAN LEGEND (74) Alice Haynes 9-9 K O'Neill	80
2 (12) 9-271 TATATEO (22) J Ferguson 9-9 (D)	80
3 (4) 85-62 <b>REBAATT</b> (27) W Haggas 9-7 <b>C Fallon</b>	78
4 (1) 18-50 ON POINT (30) J Camacho 9-7Ryan Sexton	78
5 (6) 591-78 <b>DOUBLE JUMP</b> (35) C Cox 9-5 <b>P Mulrennan</b>	76
6 (2) 74-5 HUTCHENCE (39) R Beckett 9-5R Hornby	76
7 (10) 45-130 CAELAN (27) (P) M Botti 9-5Josephine Gordon	76
8 (5) -54213 <b>YIPPEE</b> (17) C Johnston 9-2 (D)	
9 (11) 683-16 VOLTO DI MEDUSA (34) R Guest 9-2 De Sousa	
10 (9) 336-45 CLOUDY SKYE (12) R Fahey 9-2	73
11 (8) 243312 AMANCIO (21) J Channon 8-13 (BF)	
12 (7) -11355 IT'S NOT RISKY (14) (B') H Palmer 8-8 A Mullen	65
BETTING: 7-2 Rebaatt, 4 Amancio, 8 Cloudy Skye, 10 Volto Di Medusa, Tasmar	nian
Legend, Hutchence, 12 Yippee, 16 Others.	
2023: BALANCE PLAY 9 7, Hector Crouch 7-4 Fav (R Beckett), drawn (1), 7 ran.	

DRAW: Low numbers best.

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places.

COURSE: Left-handed, very sharp track of just over 1m round h a short run-in.

DRAW: Low numbers best.

TOP TRAINERS: Andrew Balding 36-188 (19.1%), Richard Fahey 30-262 (11.5%), Tom Dascombe 29-162 (17.9%), Hugo Palmer 21-118 (17.8%), Ralph Beckett 19-79 (24.1%).

TOP JOCKEYS: Franny Norton 24-185 (13.0%), David Probert 18-114 (15.8%), Rob Hornby 7-50 (14.0%), Paul Mulrennan 6-33 (18.2%), Pierre Jamin 6-45 (13.3%), Shane Gray 5-29 (17.2%).

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 2.15 Master Franca, 3.25 It's Not Risky.

TASMANIAN LEGEND 12-1 (9-6, KT O'Neill) Led 1f, tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden and weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 7, 3 1/2l behind Rocking Tree (9-9) at Wolverhampton 1 m 1f hop 0-85 (4) in Apr 1 m 49.92s.

TATATEO 6-1 (9-5, Daniel Muscuti) Chased leaders, pushed along and led over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, wandered inside last but stayed on well, won at Lingfield 1 m 2f nov sitks (5) gd in May beating Mycoloursoryours (9-5) by 2 1/4, 4 ran 2 m 0775s.

REBAATT 15-2 (9-7, Cieren Fallon) Soon tracking leaders out wide, went 2nd 2f out, ridden over 1f out, stayed on same pace inside final furlong, kept on towards finish, always held, 2nd of 12, 1/2l behind Whathappensinvegas (9-3) at Newmarket 1 m 2f hcap (4) gd in May 2m 06.45s.

ON POINT 50-1 (8-3, S D Bowen) Always in rear, 12th of 15, 15l behind Diligent Resedve (8-4) at York 7f 3yo hcp 0-95 (3) gd in May 1m 25.58s.

DOUBLE JUMP 25-1 (9-2, Tom Marquand) Raced in 3rd in centre, ridden and weakened over 1 fout, 8th of 11, 8th behind The Ice Phoenix (9-4) at Ascot 1 m 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 1 m 42.20s.

HUTCHENCE 13-2 (9-3, Hector Crouch) Midfield, pushed along and headway 2f out, ridden and no impression final furlong, 5th of 13, 6i behind Miletus (9-3) at Windsor 1 m ov sits (6) sit in May 1 m 48.46s.

CAELAN 7-1 (9-9). N Callan) Raced wide, held up tracking leaders, lost place and struggling towards rear over 2f out, no chance after, 11th of 12, 9l behind Whathappensirvegas (9-3) at Newmarket 1 m 2f hcap (4) gd in May 4 m 04.54s.

VIPPEE 10-3 (9-12, F Norton) Slow into stride, headway to lead after 2f, pushed along and headed over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 3rd of 6, 23 lebhind Ashariba (9-10) at Leicester 1 m 2f 3yo hcp 0-76 (5) hvj in May 2m 05.04s.

VOLTO DI MEDUSA 11-2 (9-5, Connor Planas) Mid-division on outer, ridden along over 2f out, made no impression, 6th of 7, 344 behind Fire Friday (9-7) at Hamilton 1 m 1f fils hcp 0-10 (9-10) at Doncaster 1 file 1 (9-7) at 1 Hamilton 1 m 1 fils hcp 0-10 (9-10) at 1 (9-10) at 1 (9-10

## 4.00 CLOSE BROTHERS HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5) Winner £7,644 (10 run)

prace to trouble leaders, 5th of 10, 3 1/21 behind Obsidian Knight (9-2) at Chelmsford City 1m 21 hcp 0-80 (4) pol in Apr 2m 05.62s.

BERKSHIRE PHANTOM 6-1 (9-5, P Mathers) Slowly into stride, held up in middivision, ridden 2f out, hung right over 1f out, never dangerous, 8th of 11, 4l behind Nocole Mission (9-8) at Wlovehrampton 71 hcp 0-75 (5) in Mar 1m 27.56s.

KING'S CROWN 10-1 (10-1, Connor Beasley) Held up off the pace towards rear, some headway out wide over 1f out, 5th and no impression final furlong, 5th of 10, 4l behind Al Mugdad (10-3) at Ayr 71 hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1m 31.00s.

WAKE UP HARRY 9-4 (9-9, N Callan) Keen tracked leaders, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and stayed on same pace final furlong, 2nd of 8, 4 1/2l behind Mr Squires (9-7) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-68 (5) 1m 27.92s.

SOI DAO 6-1 (9-1, Gina Mangan) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, no impression, ran on one pace, 4th of 9, 4 1/2l behind War Chant (9-9) at Nottingham 1m hcap (5) gd 1m 45.14s.

SOI DAO 6-1 (9-1, Gina Mangan) Chased leaders, pushed along over 21 out, no impression, ran on one pace, 4th of 9, 4 1/2l behind War Chant (9-9) at Nottingham 1m heap (5) gd 1m 45.14s.

DARBUCKS 11-4fav (9-4, Laura Pearson) Raced keenly, soon steadled mid-division, pushed along and good headway far side of group 21 out, ridden chasing leaders when not clear run and switched right over 11 out, led final 100 yards, headed post, 2nd of 10, shd behind ldr Cobbler (9-6) at Carlisle? They 0-66 (6) gs in May 1m 28.05s.

KHATHAK 12-1 (8-11, Billy Garritty) In touch in mid-division, effort 37 out, went 2nd over 11 out until well inside final throng, 3rd and held towards finish, 3rd of 11, 1/2l behind Garden Casis (9-7) at Ripon 1m hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1m 39.42s.

INDIE SKIES 5-2fav (9-2, Rossa Ryan) Chased leader, pressed leader and ridden 2f out stayed on approaching final furlong where led, soon went clear, readily, won at Kempton 7f (6) pol in Feb beating Beauen Arrows (9-2) by 2 1/4l, 13 ran 1m 26.52s.

## 4.35 CLOSE BROTHERS HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5) Winner £7,644 (10 run)

2023: No corresponding race.

MR SQUIRES 85-406av (9-7, Callum Flodriguez) Made most, quickened 3 lengths clear
over 1f out, ran on, won at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-68 (5) beating Wake Up Harry (9-9)
by 4 1/2l, 8 ran 1m 2782s.

by 4 1/21, 8 ran 1 m 27/92/9.

ROARING RALPH 10-3 (9-11, Connor Beasley) Raced wide, close up, pushed along 2f out, headway over 1f out, stayed on towards finish, 3rd of 8, 4 1/21 behind Mr Squires (9-7) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-68 (5) 1 m 27/92s.

TOUCHWOOD 33-1 (9-6, ) P Sullivan) Steadted rear, ridden over 1f out, never on terms.

TOUCHWOOD 33-1 (9-6, J P Sullivan) Steadled rear, ridden over 11 out, never on terms, sth of 9, 81 behind Powdering (9-5) at Beverley 71 hcp 0-75 (5) st in May 1 m 34.88s. STAR SHIELD 9-1 (9-5, Mark Winn) Rear of mid-division, not much room over 27 out, headway over 11 out, went 2nd well inside final furlong, stayed on, just held, 2nd of 11, nk behind Garden Oasis (9-7) at Ripon 1 m hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1 m 39.42s. ONCE ADAX 12-1 (9-7, Benoit D L Sayette) Held up in touch, short of room over 21 out, soon ridden and switched right, kept on to take 3rd inside final furlong, no match for front two, 3rd of 10, 9l behind Mystery Monarch (9-11) at Yarmouth 71 hcp 0-70 (5) sft in May 1 m 30.42s.
SERENITY ROSE 40-1 (9-8, Josephine Gordon) Mid-division, driven over 27 out, no impression, 4th of 10, 13l behind Mystery Monarch (9-11) at Yarmouth 71 hcp 0-70 (5) sft in May 1 m 30.42s.

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MY HONEY B 22-1 (8-12, Billy Garritty) In touch behind leaders, ridden over 2f out, kept on same pace approaching final furlong, soon weakened, 8th of 11, 6l behind Million Thanks (9-5) at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-75 (5) gd in May 1m 46.20s.

LOCKDOWN LASS 6-1 (9-6, Josephine Gordon) Pulled hard, raced wide in touch, pushed along over 3f out, some headway over 1f out, never nearer, 5th of 12, 13l behind Hostelry (9-10) at Thirsk 1m hcap (6) hvy in Apr 1m 54.62s.

DAISY ROOTS 4-1 (9-7, Saffie Osborne) Led, in lead as runners came into view 4f out, in 2nd place and held as runners came into view 1f out, 2nd of 12, 11/4l behind Buy The Dip (9-8) at Brighton 1m hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 1m 38.67s.

RED WALLS 12-1 (9-4, Bentoit D L Sayette) Held up, pushed along and headwayentering final furlong, never neare, 7th of 12, 6l behind Global Effort (9-6) at Wolverhampton 6f hcp (0-55) (6) Im 13.86s.

6f hcp (0-55) (6) 1m 13.86s. **5.10** LONDON ESSENCE HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O)
Winner £7,644 (13 run)

7f 127yds

1 (12) 1-32 SHEMOZZLE (21) R Beckett 9-10. Doubtful 81

2 (7) 43-310 JUANTORENA (20) A Balding 9-8. D Probert 79

3 (11) 7313-6 MAI DUBAI (40) R Hughes 9-7. F Marsh 78

4 (1) 43224 OPERATE (25) A Watson 9-7. J Bryan 78

5 (3) 2241-4 COLORADA DANCER (20) R Fahey 9-7 (D)... D Nolan 78

6 (10) 923 NATIVE KING (91) (H) H Palmer 9-7 (BF)... P Mulrennan 78

7 (4) 92-4 TREASURE TIME (33) W Haggas 9-6. C Fallon 77

8 (9) 316-27 ASTEVERDI (41) Alice Haynes 9-4. K O'Neill 75

9 (8) 3218-7 SWIFT SALIAN (54) D & N Barron 9-3 (D)... S De Sousa 74

10 (2) 08-19 CLOSE CONNECTION (20) M Dods 9-3. C Beasley 74

11 (6) 0527-5 SWORDPLAY (33) C Johnston 9-3. F Norton 74

12 (13)671620 EAST BANK (20) Craig Lidster 8-13. ... S Gray 70

13 (5) 047-43 BULMER BANK (20) (H) M & D Easterby 8-8 JP Sullivan 65

BETTING: 13-2 Bulmer Bank, Native King, 8 Operate, Colorada Dancer, Treasure Time,

BETTING: 13-2 Bulmer Bank, Native King, 8 Operate, Colorada Dancer, Treasure Time, 10 Mai Dubai, Asteverdi, 12 Others. 2023: PEARLY STAR 8 4, Andrew Mullen 14-1 (H Palmer), drawn (4), 10 ran.

## TOP TEAM'S TIPS

**MERIDIAN'S YANKEE** BRAVE NATION (2.05 SANDOWN),

**BORN RULER** (3.15 SANDOWN), **REBAATT (3.25 CHESTER) DEVOIRS CHOICE (3.50 SANDOWN).** 

## **KLONDYKE**

MIDREAM (3.00 YORK), REACH (4.10 YORK), LIFE ON THE ROCKS (4.45 YORK).

**ROCKAVON** (of the Sunday Mail) FEEL THE NEED (1.50 YORK).

## US OPEN DAY 1



RYDER CUP hero Ludvig Aberg is firmly in contention to win a maiden Major after a starting the US Open with a four-under 66.

Before April's Masters, Aberg had never teed up in a Major despite representing Europe in the mammoth Rome win over the USA last September.

But he secured a tie for second on his debut at Augusta, boldly establishing his presence among the game's best on the biggest stage.
The Swede has experienced

a remarkable ascent in the sport, sitting at No.6 in the world rankings, and lived up to the billing at Pinehurst No.2.

Aberg posted three birdies and a bogey either side of the turn to sit behind early clubhouse leader Patrick Cantlay, one ahead after a 65. And the BY **ANDREW GAMBLE** 

secret to his success through the opening round? Discipline. He said: "Staying disciplined

is important. There are a lot of pins you don't really think about going for. So me and Joe [Skovron], my caddie, we  $have \, a \, lot \, of \, good \, conversations$ about certain areas that you try to hit it on.

"It's difficult to be very, very precise with the numbers and those things. But we try to get a gauge on where to hit it, where to miss it, make sure we stay disciplined towards things."

Asked how difficult it is to remain disciplined at Pinehurst, Aberg added: "It's really hard.

"Especially when you have a wedge in your hand where normally you would go at the pin but you can't really do that here. It's the US Open – it's

supposed to be hard. That's what we're doing here."

The lack of Major experience means nerves are present but Aberg - who teamed with Viktor Hovland to defeat world No.1 Scottie Scheffler and Brooks Koepka in Rome remains composed.

He said: "Nervous? Oh, I'm always nervous when I'm playing tournament golf.

'That's the way it's supposed to be. The day when I'm not nervous, it's not a good sign. There were a lot of butterflies in the morning."

The butterflies faded when Aberg posted backto-back birdies early on the front nine. He recovered from a bogey on his 15th - the par-three sixth - with a closing birdie following a stunning tee shot on the short ninth. Heading into the second round, Aberg is not targeting a specific score as he added: "It's going to be tricky. It's hard to put a number out there, I guess.

"All we try to do is just hit as many good shots as we can to the areas we're playing for, then see where that adds up.'

Cantlay has struggled for

## Phil's slam dream's over

PHIL MICKELSON'S bid to complete a career grand slam looks over after a nightmare first round. The US Open is the only Major Lefty has never won, finishing second a record six times. But his hopes of going one better faded as he carded

form this year, posting just a pair of top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour.

But his finest game was on show yesterday, surging up the leaderboard with three birdies in his final five holes to capture an early lead.

Starting on the 10th tee, the American made his first birdie of the day at the par-four 11th, landing a magnificent bunker shot from the greenside sand trap down the left.

Cantlay led by a single shot from Aberg with the afternoon starters on the back nine, while the Frenchman Matthieu Payon was a further shot back. But Tiger Woods stuttered to a four-over finish as the 15-time major champion returned to the US Open for

the first time in three years.

STAYING UPBEAT Darge



APPEARANCE Murray

## Wimbers has Andy leaving do sorted

WIMBLEDON are "ready and prepared" to pay tribute to Andy Murray if he plays his final event this summer - but will wait for final confirmation from the Scot he is retiring.

The two-time singles champion, 37, will team up in the men's doubles with his brother Jamie for his potential farewell.

All England Club chief executive Sally Bolton said: 'We're ready and prepared."

Rafa Nadal revealed he was "saddened" to miss Wimbers after opting to prioritise the Olympics.

Emma Raducanu beat Daria Snigur 6-2 6-2 to reach a first WTA Tour quarterfinal at the Nottingham Open.



FULLY FOCUSED Hoffman

## Don't expect Aussies to be Hoff hearted

EX-SALTIRES star Paul Hoffmann has rubbished claims Australia will take it easy against Scotland.

The Scots face the Aussies on Sunday with the chance to claim a Super 8s spot in the T20 World Cup.

Aussie paceman Josh Hazlewood claimed that seeing England knocked out - if Scotland win - could boost their hopes of glory.

But Queensland-born Hoffmann said: "There's talk about them taking it easy so that England don't qualify. It's not in the Aussie nature to take it easy."

England kept the heat on last night as they skittled Oman for 47 then reached 50-2 off just 19 balls.

## Just slight tweaks can help us Storm to success

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WARRIORS stalwart Rory Darge reckons his team will only need "minor adjustments" from their URC quarter-final win over the Stormers when they take on Munster in tomorrow's semi-final.

But the Scotland forward is wary of the Irish side as he believes the defending champions are coming into form at the right time. After two quarter-final defeats

in the previous two seasons, last week's 27-10 victory over the Stormers was a step forward for Glasgow. Darge said: "The way we went out and won the game was important for our belief.

"So we're just going to look at some minor adjustments and look at what Munster's threats are, then just try to keep the performance as good as we can.

We've shown how we've grown in that last performance."

The Warriors won away to Munster last season but then they lost at home to them in the last eight while they've been beaten by the Irish side this term.

Munster have won their last 10 games in the URC, including two

big victories in South Africa. And so Darge is in no doubt about how tough his team will find it at Thomond Park in Limerick.

He said: "Munster always grow throughout the season and really hit their straps come play-off time.

"It is going to be a massive challenge – it doesn't really get much harder than the champions





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## Move is Taylor made **PREMIERSHIP** TRANSFER LATEST

HEARTS are close to completing a second swoop on Costa Rica to land right-back Gerald Taylor.

Tynecastle chiefs are in talks over a deal that would see the 23-year-old join countryman Kenneth Vargas in Gorgie and become their fifth signing of the summer.

The 6ft defender is under contract at Deportivo Saprissa for another two years but is understood to be keen on a move to Europe.

## Doran op fund thanks

he's received in his hour of need.

A fundraiser was set up for the out-of-contract Inverness star to help pay for knee surgery. Former Caley player Shane Sutherland created a GoFundMe page and last night it stood at almost double its £5000 target.

Many from across the Scottish game have contributed and Doran said: "I can't thank you enough."

# LAND IT'S TIME TO OH Celt Oh Hyeon-gyu is closing in on a

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## CELTIC are on the verge of scooping £4.2million for Oh Hyeon-gyu with the hitman agreeing personal terms on a switch to Genk.

The 23-year-old attacker has been in talks with the Belgian top-flight outfit over the last 48 hours and Oh is understood to have thrashed out terms

Celtic have yet to rubberstamp the

deal but are unlikely to stand in Oh's way after the frontman slipped down the pecking order at Parkhead.

The South Korea star has made just three substitute appearances for the Hoops since the turn of the year after the arrival of Adam Idah on loan from Norwich City.

Celtic manager Brendan

CONCRETE Dubravka Rodgers is keen on

snapping up the Canaries' Ireland international on a permanent deal but could be made to wait until after the Championship side return for pre-season training next month.

Oh's departure is imminent though and Celts are set to turn a profit on the £2.5m signing from Suwon Samsung Bluewings in January 2023.

Sources in Belgium are suggesting the move could be worth 5 million euros up front plus bonuses. Rodgers has yet to dip into the market

this summer but the Scottish champions are in negotiations with Benfica over a

## BY MICHAEL GANNON

permanent deal for playmaker Paulo Bernardo.

Celtic are also looking for a keeper following Joe Hart's retirement at the end of the season and are interested in Newcastle United shotstopper Martin Dubravka.

The 35-year-old is currently with the Slovakian squad at the Euros gearing up

for their opener against Belgium on Monday night.

Dubravka was thrust into a starting spot in the second half of last season following an injury to Nick Pope but looks set to be put back down the pecking order by Eddie Howe.

The keeper, who has a year left on his contract ĺast night admitted he was aware of the transfer talk

but is waiting for official bids to land.

The veteran keeper said: "I am aware that there are rumours, team-mates ask me about it, agents and people call me, if there is any truth to it.

"There was some truth in that a year ago and you see, I stayed at Newcastle, so I still take it as if there is no official offer on the table, then I absolutely do not deal.

"I told my agents that if it was concrete and there was an offer, then only then would I consider it. At the moment, it is only in the stage of some noises.

## Barron has decision to make

CONNOR BARRON is set their interest. Swansea, to make a decision on his future next week - with offers on the table from Rangers, south of the border and Serie A.

The Scots U21 midfielder is on holiday and weighing up his options. Barron, 21, has an offer from Hellas Verona and is waiting to see if Bologna will firm up Cardiff, Plymouth and Stoke are also keen.

Barron's Dons contract is set to expire and he can move outside of Scotland for just over £500,000 in training compensation.

Rangers have also made a strong offer to the player but would need to agree a fee with Aberdeen or risk going to a tribunal. Interest from Cagliari has ended after Claudio Ranieri stepped down, while Sassuolo were keen but have been relegated.

Meanwhile, loan star Stefan Gartenmann is set to return to Midtjylland for pre-season after Dons failed to strike a deal for his permanent transfer.

# YOUR VOICE OF THE HIBEES EVERY WEEK IN RECORD SPORT TAMES AND SECOND SPORT TAMES AND SECOND

FOOTBALLERS can have a clever way of making what they don't say speak louder than the words that do tumble out of their mouths.

Particularly during the madness of a transfer window.

One example this week had me wondering if director of football Brian McDermott will not be the only big exit from Hibs this summer.

Could Martin Boyle's Leith love affair be nearing an end?

That is what Hibees are starting to wonder after Australian media stirred the pot over his future.

Quizzed on whether a move to Oz could be on the cards, he appeared to bat the question away, saying "Look, I'm still contracted with Hibs.

"We'll see what happens when I go back to the club."

Considering the 31-yearold has already spoken about his desire to play Down Under before he retires, it was hardly a hard and fast no.

Put it this way. If Martin wasn't interested in heading to the A-League this summer, he'd have shut the question down right away.

He'd not even have mentioned anything more.

## But he's left the door open for someone to come in with an offer.

It's not exactly a 'come and get me' but it does sound like, 'I'm open to the idea if you are'.

Listen, it doesn't have to be bad news. It might be a move would suit all parties.

He has had a brilliant career in Scotland and been absolutely sensational for Hibs for most of it.

But if he did want to go, then why stand in his way?

Hibs could get a big hitter off the wage bill, one of the top earners.

If that would allow David Gray to bring in fresh blood, it might not be a bad move.

To be honest, I don't think Martin has been hitting his previous heights for Hibs over the last season.

He came back from that horrendous ACL injury and looks like he's lost a yard of



pace, which, when you're as quick he is, is substantial.

If he turns around and says to the manager he wants to go, it would then take a good wedge to prise him away from Leith.

That could be reinvested into a transfer kitty that will hopefully be used far more efficiently than in recent years.

I'm currently in the land of efficiency – Germany – for the Euros. I'm in downtown Munich surrounded by typical German competence, from their transport to pubs and restaurants.

I just hope it's a word that can be used for the new regime at Hibs after years of the complete opposite.

From managers, players and directors of football, there have been far too many dud appointments.

McDermott is the latest to depart as director of football 13 months after arriving to git above Lee Lebragon

sit above Lee Johnson.

After firing the Englishman, I'm certain McDermott would have had

a major role in hiring Nick Montgomery. It looks like he has taken

It looks like he has taken the hit for that and the fact last season went belly up.

The signings were all over the place too, which is never a good look for a director of football.

The recruitment basically cost two managers their job in the space of eight months.

There have been rumours about McDermott's future for a long time and as soon as Malky Mackay came in as sporting director, the writing

was on the wall. No disrespect to Brian but Malky has a bigger grasp of Scottish football and what it takes to be a success up here.

But once again, the appointment of McDermott himself goes back to chief executive Ben Kensell, Ian Gordon and the board.

It has been three years of complete inefficiency, a club going through the motions.

I reckon Malky is coming in with a big broom to clear the decks and it's exactly what is needed.

IN NEW ROLE Mackay

## THERE ARE ALWAYS CONSEQUENCES BRIAN McDERMOTT admits had only been in position since season did not happen. There deserves." McDermott's future

BRIAN McDERMOTT admits there had to be consequences for Hibs' failure to reach the top six after being axed as director of football.

**Record Sport** broke the news online the former Reading and Leeds boss will leave at the end of his contract this month. He

had only been in position since last May but saw Lee Johnson and Nick Montgomery sacked from the dugout in that time.

Hibs also missed out on European football and a tophalf berth, finishing eighth.

McDermott said: "It is fair to say the outcome we wanted last

season did not happen. There have been obvious consequences from that outcome.

"What I will say, it was never from lack of effort and desire. Sometimes in life and football, things do not work out.

"I hope in the future the club get the results their support deserves." McDermott's future has been in doubt since Malky Mackay came in as sporting director last month.

Mackay said: "Brian and I had a good discussion and came to this conclusion.

"I'd like to thank him for the good work he's done."

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DAILY POLL

ANTHONY RALSTON, Ross McCrorie or James Forrest... who should start tonight?

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1 Scotland forward Lewis Morgan plays for which club?

2 Which countries hosted Euro 2000? 3 Who is Scotland's head coach at the men's T20 World Cup?

**4** Who is the only New Zealand golfer to win the US Open?

**5** What nationality is tennis player Marketa Vondrousova?

**6** Which nation won the inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup in 1991?

**7** Which football club play their home games at The Valley?

8 Who won the men's 100metres in the athletics at the 1996 Olympics?

**9** Which club was Julian Nagelsmann manager of directly before becoming Germany boss?

10 NFL team the Ravens are based in which US city?

## ONTHIS DAY



**2021:** Scotland's return to a major finals after a 23-year absence began with a 2-0 Euro 2020 defeat to the Czech Republic at Hampden.

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**TENNIS:** ATP Stuttgart and ATP/WTA Rosmalen (Sky Sports Main Event/Tennis, 10am).

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## **EURO2024**

## DIDI: FANS WON'T GO EASY ON BOOS

BY FRASER WILSON

GERMANY legend Didi Hamann fears home fans could turn tonight's Euros opening party sour if the hosts aren't beating Scotland by half-time.

The former Liverpool and Manchester City midfielder insists Julian Nagelsmann's side must get an early lead.

Otherwise, nerves will kick in - on and off the field – opening the door for a Scotland result in the Munich show-stopper.

Hamann rates Steve Clarke's side as Group A dark horses and isn't convinced Nagelsmann has enough players he can hang his hat on to



CROWD FEARS Hamann

perform when the going gets tough.

The 59-times capped World Cup runner-up has questioned veteran keeper Manuel Neuer's form and insists it would be foolish of anyone to write off Clarke's troops.

Speaking to In The Zone podcast, Hamann said: "The Scots won't go down

without a fight. When Germany go on the pitch, we have to come off at half-time with at least one goal or more than them.

"I don't think it'll be a straightforward game.

"I know Scotland have a few injury worries.

"But nerves will come into it. We've got Manuel Neuer in goal, who's obviously fighting for his position at the moment.

"But you need players you can rely on, who are going to perform.

"The 70,000 fans who are there to push you on will start whistling after 40 minutes and that can go against us as the home team."





## THE names roll off the tongue of Ilkay Gundogan.

Andy Robertson, Scott McTominay, John McGinn... the Scottish "axis", as he likes to call it.

Let's face it. The fact a Champions League winner and multiple plunderer of Premier League titles at Manchester City is waxing lyrical about a trio of our own stars must give Steve Clarke some Euro 2024 hope. Shouldn't it?

Although he's now at Barcelona, Gundogan has not forgotten how difficult all three were to play against during his time in England.

That is why the 33-year-old Germany skipper won't take the Scots lightly in Munich tonight.

Gundogan didn't achieve what he has in his career by taking anything for granted.

And ahead of the mouth-watering Euro 2024 opener, he warned his team-mates about the Scottish spine he came up against so often during seven trophy-laden years at

## **SCOTT McDERMOT** IN MUNICH

a difficult game against Scotland. "I know a lot of their players

from the Premier League. They have a very good axis to

the team with Robertson, McTominay, McGinn. That's a very experienced axis who plays at the highest level in the Premier League for very good teams.

They can be a tricky team to play against but they're a good side themselves. We shouldn't underestimate them on Friday night. I have lots of respect for them.

But we also know what we can do and we have a lot of quality on our side. If we can reach our otential, I'm confident we can win.

"I would love to score the opening goal but I would be just as happy if it's one of my team-mates.

"As long as we score at least one

the Etihad. He said: "I'm expecting and have a chance to win the game, that's the big objective.

"We're really excited about that challenge and we're confident of getting the three points."

In the build-up to this game, Gundogan has been praised by his former boss Pep Guardiola, who rates the midfielder as one of the best players he's worked with.

For a guy who started as a youngster at Bochum, he's come a long way, winning 14 major titles between the Bundesliga and Premier League.

That's why he considers it a privilege to be leading his country out against Scotland at the opening game of a Euros in Germany.

Gundogan added: "I played under Pep for seven years and it was an honour. Hardly anyone knows me as well as he does, so I'm very happy



PLEA Boss Julian vesterday

## NAGELSMANN

JULIAN NAGELSMANN BY KEITH JACKSON has thrown down the not been spooked by the gauntlet to a Tartan Army invasion force, challenging them to drown him out during tonight's Euros opener in Munich.

The Germany boss

number of travelling fans who have spilled into the streets of the city centre.

By kick-off tonight it is anticipated around 200,000 insists he and his side have Scots will have made the Nagelsmann is adamant his

journey to back Steve Clarke and his boys in a first major finals on foreign soil since the World Cup in France 26 years ago.

The locals have been left stunned by the size of the Scottish support but

## GERMANY v SCOTLAND, 8PM, LIVE ON STV



to hear his kind words. I'm grateful because I learned a lot from Pep.

With the way I am on and off the pitch, hopefully I make my team-mates better and help us win the game.

"It means a lot to me to captain my country at a European Championships in our own country.

"It's an opportunity you don't get often in your career and just to be part of this team is special.

"In 2006, I was watching the games as a teenager. Now, I'm part of this in my own country.
"I'm representing the German

people with pride and that's such an honour for me.

"I want to show that on the pitch on Friday night. I want the people to feel it. Of course there is pressure on us but if we can manage that, we can be very successful."

The Germans will be one of the favourites for the tournament given we have to improve on it is on home soil but Gundogan knows the pitfalls of that. The fact

is they've flopped in the last three major finals they have been a part of, including the 2022 World Cup in Qatar where they failed to get out of the group after defeat to Japan in their opener.

Even in the build-up to this, supporters and media are not convinced they can go all the way, especially after a ropy 2-1 friendly win over Greece this time last week.

The captain understands there's a bit of pessimism but he's convinced that, in front of their own fans, they'll come good when it matters.

The Nou Camp stalwart said: "Our last game against Greece was a warning to us, it rang a few alarm bells.

We didn't play well enough and these days all teams have quality.

'That showed us what

against Scotland.
"We managed to

It's an opportunity you don't get often in your career and just to be part of this team is special

everyone a lift – the team and the fans. We ILKAY GUNDOGAN CAN'T WAIT FOR KICK-OFF have to build on that now. "After the negativity of our experience at the last tournament, everyone is trying to reach our maximum for this one. 'We're relaxed about it and that's down to the coach. He gives us confidence and security going out on the pitch.

'We'll make mistakes but can't lose our theme. In our last few games we've scored late goals. That shows the spirit we have in this team.

There is a great atmosphere in our squad and morale is high. That's very

Greece in the second

half and we have to

continue that on

"The way we responded gave

Friday night.

important going into a tournament."

## TARTAN ARMY: GO ON, MAKE SOME NOISE

players will not be fazed in said: "I hope everyone in so loud they can't hear Scottish football. The team build-up game, in their their own backyard.

And he appeared to bait the away fans by pleading with them to crank up the volume inside Bayern Munich's 75,000-capacity Allianz Arena.

loud. My message to the Scottish supporters is, please be very loud on Friday night.

"I normally like to talk to my players but, on this

the stadium will be very me! The boys are ready in the early years was kind and we're really looking forward to the game."

Nagelsmann went on to speak in glowing terms of the job Clarke has done. He said: "There has

of playing for long balls in the air. There was a time they were only fighting.

**WARNING SHOT** 

Gundogan insists Germany will not take Scots lightly

"Now they can do every part of the game in a good way. They are good at The former Bayern boss occasion, I don't mind if it's been a transformation in counter-attacking, in their them dangerous."

pressing and in their defending. They are in a good way and it's because of the brilliant job of the man in charge. It's a team which doesn't have world stars but that makes



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## APPARENTLY, a wee international tournament is kicking off in Germany.

But a never-ending war of words between Celtic and Rangers diehards reigns supreme

Scotland and Steve Clarke were on the agenda, of course. But the trials and tribulations of Glasgow's big two remain a hot topic despite the fact club football is meant to be off the agenda.

And one Rangers fan will be kicking himself as his punchline about Celtic's record in Europe fell flat.

The premise was Brendan Rodgers' side would be tumbling down the tournaments.

But they're locked in for eight games in the Champions League as the riches rise to untold levels.

Donald Dundas, Uddingston, said: "What will Sean McGarvey say about noses pressed against the glass looking in on Celtic if Rangers qualify for the Champions League through the qualifiers?

'We all know what team will exit first and be relegated down through the so-called diddy tournaments, as per norm. It's called reality, Bhoys."

You'll get them next time, Donald... just remember to brush up on the rules first.

Alan Flett was also on the attack as he had the Hoops in his cross hairs.

He said: "You can't help but laugh at Celtic fans' pathetic attempts to belittle Rangers. "They claim to be dining at Europe's top table when

in reality the top table is dining on them. "At least Rangers can compete at Europa League

level, whereas Celtic are just pure cannon fodder.' But Flett was anything but fantastic in the eyes

of a caller who dug him out on his snipes James Logan, Glasgow, said: "Flett needs to brush up on his history. The 'small clubs' who won the

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

'Someone needs to have a word in Clement's ear and tell him his team needs to have a backbone of Scottish players'

European Cup in the 60s and 70s were Real Madrid, Milan, Inter, Benfica, Manchester United, Ajax, Bayern Munich and Liverpool.

'Furthermore you had to play nine games - not six - to win the trophy, all of them against actual champions. Stop embarrassing yourself, Alan.'

Another dedicated Rangers backer has only one demand to those in charge at Ibrox.

Ian Renton, Johnstone, said: "Someone needs to have a word in Philippe Clement's ear and tell him his team needs to have a backbone of Scottish players, preferably Rangers supporting ones.

"I am not sure the foreign players really get what it means to play for us. I also think the Scotland team suffers from a lack of players from Rangers."

He's often regarded as our version of Eminem as he spitballs barbs in the direction of any Gers fan who will listen. But something has come over **Gordon** 

Ashley, Ayr, as he's full of love and tranquility. even if he can't resist a wee dig at those in light blue. He said: "Good luck to our boys in Germany. Some

people need to stop the negativity. "It's bad enough fans of our second biggest club will be shouting on our opponents, so the rest of us need to get behind them even more. Steve Clarke's done a brilliant job just to get us at the party no matter how things turn out, come on Scotland."

Wullie Graham, Bristol, said: "There is a big question to be answered over the next three Scotland games. Can we finally manage to get out of the group stage at a major tournament?

'We're the only nation in Great Britain and Ireland never to do this. It's embarrassing. The horror show in Argentina in '78 still haunts me to this day.

'Let's hope we finally get the monkey off our back. Come on Scotland, make us proud this time'

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## GERMANY v SCOTLAND, 8PM, LIVE ON STV

GIVEN what Andy Robertson has achieved in his career, the word regret shouldn't even be in his vocabulary.

We all know about his journey. A rise not so meteoric but miraculous in terms of where he's got to.

Scotland captain, Premier League and Champions League winner with Liverpool.

So the 'r' word isn't one Robertson has used very often.

But on the eve of leading his country into Euro 2024 against Germany tonight, he couldn't help mentioning it.

Indeed, the sharp memory of what happened three years ago at the Euros suddenly came into focus.

Robertson knows the players let themselves, their manager and the entire nation down then.

A credible draw at Wembley against England offered brief hope. However, defeats to the Czech

Republic and Croatia in Glasgow killed their chances.

The Scotland skipper returned to his club that summer full of regret and he doesn't want to feel those pangs of guilt this time around as the national team look to reach the knockout stages for the first time .

As Robertson prepared for one of the biggest games of his life tonight, he said: "Qualifying for the first Euros was massive for us and doing two in a row was incredible.

"But now we want to actually compete.

"The last time we did fairly well in the England game but in the other two we let ourselves down a bit. We could have done better.

"We don't want to have any regrets this time. We believe we can be the team that makes history.

"We'll focus on Friday night first and it doesn't come much tougher. "But we're excited by the challenge and what's ahead.

"As a group, it doesn't get much



## Skipper convinced Scots are set to exorcise the ghosts of Euro 2020 and restore national pride

## SCOTT McDERMOTT

more difficult but, at the same time, there's no outside pressure or expectation on us.

"All we can do is play to our maximum and see how we go.

"We've waited years for this and now there's only one more sleep. We can't wait.

"We've done the hard bit by qualifying – now let's see what else we can do.

"Once we knew we were coming here, our standards dropped a little – they shouldn't have but they did.

"Now it's time to get competitive again. It's time to show what we can do. There's a lot of pressure on Germany to win the tournament

and they don't want anyone or anything to get in their way. But it's our job to do that."

For a few hours on Monday, Robertson caused panic across the nation when he limped out of the open training session at the squad's Garmisch-Partenkirchen base.

But much to the relief of the Tartan Army – and his own family – the skipper says he's ready to perform against the Germans.

perform against the Germans.
He said: "The preparation is pretty much all done and we're ready to go.

"Physically, mentally, I feel good. I had a little scare in training the other day because of an ankle problem I've had since March and it probably didn't help that the cameras were there and saw it! We were pretty relaxed about it – maybe a bit more so than my family before I could tell them I was OK.

"The lads were a bit excited in training before coming to Munich.

"I don't think too much about my own emotions going into games like this but I feel the same as all the others right now – excited and proud.

"If we perform the way we know we can, they'll hopefully have a great 10 or 12 days."

Robertson has history at the Allianz Arena and every Scot will hope it's an omen for this evening.

In March 2019, Liverpool were here for a second-leg last-16 Champions League tie against Bayern Munich.

Jurgen Klopp's side left Germany with a 3-1 victory and went on to

lift the trophy, allowing Robertson to enjoy the biggest moment of his career.

He revealed his former gaffer got in touch last week when he became the most capped Scotland skipper of all time. But he knows Klopp will be

But he knows Klopp will be supporting Germany tonight.

Robertson said: "The last time I came here, it was a massive win for Liverpool.

"A lot of people had written us off after we drew 0-0 at Anfield but we beat them 3-1.

"It was incredible to be part of and it's even more special that it took us on the journey to win the Champions League. It was such an important game.

"Jurgen texted me last week when I broke the record for captaining Scotland, which was good of him.

"I know he'll be here on Friday and I know who he'll be supporting! "I hope he enjoys his night...

but not too much."

The Tartan Army will certainly enjoy it, having descended on this city in their thousands.

And Robertson is well aware of just how many people the players are representing.

He said: "We've seen all the videos of the fans in the squares across the city. We all know so many people who are out here. It feels like most of the country's come over.

"The Tartan Army has been great with us from day one. When the gaffer came in, there was a conscious decision to try to get them onside.

"Support at the home games had nose-dived, even if the ones who went abroad with us have always been incredible.

"We know they can't all get into the stadium on Friday night – we wish they could.

"But wherever they are, either here or at home, we want to make them proud."

## MICHAEL GANNON

Scotland couldn't have landed a tougher opening game. Anything Steve Clarke's men can get out of this one will be a bonus but I've got a good feeling about this. It might be blind optimism but there will be immense pressure on the Germans while we have nothing to lose. Scotland can stun them with a battling draw. **Germany 1, Scotland 1** 

## SCOTT McDERMOTT

It's almost tradition the hosts stumble in the opening game of their own major tournament and it can happen again in Munich.

Scotland will need to be at their best to limit the Germans' chances but we can get our Euro 2024 campaign off to a flier with a point - and a Scott McTominay goal.

**Germany 1, Scotland 1** 

## ANDY NEWPORT

The Germans will be out to put on a show as hosts but Julian Nagelsmann's team are a long way off the efficient machine of old. They have some serious talent with players such Kai Havertz, Jamal Musiala and Florian Wirtz leading their attack. But I fancy Scotland to spoil the hosts' Euro Welcome Party and snatch a draw. **Germany 1, Scotland 1** 

## GAVIN BERRY

The fact the hosts are just third favourites to win the tournament tells you this Germany side aren't the force they once were... but it's still a daunting prospect.

A run of one win in nine for Steve Clarke's side has to be a concern and getting a result in Munich is likely to be too big an ask.

Germany 3, Scotland 1

## FRASER WILSON

It will take a mammoth effort in Munich but with Steve Clarke's tactical nous, a group of players willing to put their bodies on the line and, of course, a good dollop of quality throughout the ranks, we can get off to a running start if not a flier. I really fancy us to score but the big question is, can we keep the Germans out?

Germany 1, Scotland 1

## GRAEME YOUNG

It's time to be bold, on and off the pitch. Germany possess a myriad of prodigal attacking talents but maybe, just maybe, their best form will come after the fireworks of opening night. Scotland are battle tested and Steve Clarke's steadfast belief in his players is compelling.

A win would be gargantuan and doesn't feel impossible.

Germany 1, Scotland 2



## **EURO2024**



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## Clarke of court with Norwegian

FROM **KEITH JACKSON** IN MUNICH

THERE was one moment of delightful schadenfreude during Steve Clarke's international grilling in Germany yesterday.

At one point he was confronted by a Norwegian reporter who was clearly still struggling to process the reality that, sitting before him, was the man who prevented Erling Haaland from competing at this summer's big event.

He asked Clarke to revisit the importance of that stunning late win in Oslo, which all but ended Norway's chances of beating Scotland to second spot in the qualifiers behind Spain.

It was an invitation Clarke

was only too happy to accept. He said: "Obviously we knew Norway were probably our main competitors for the other qualification spot in the group, if you took Spain as the top team who would qualify.

"We had already beaten Spain at Hampden in the previous camp so we went into that game in good spirits.

"When we scored the equaliser with a couple of minutes to go, we were probably quite happy to take a point. "So you can imagine how

happy we were to take all three points with two late goals.

"It was a pivotal game in the section.

Get back in your box, Olaf.





## GERMANY v SCOTLAND, 8PM, LIVE ON STV

STEVE CLARKE opened with a slightly nervously delivered joke but he's never claimed to be a comedian.

The craggy, hangdog expression. The slightly awkward vibes he gives off whenever he's thrust out there into the spotlight.

And it may never have felt more intense than it did yesterday teatime here inside the Allianz Arena as Clarke walked into Bayern Munich's amphitheatre of a press conference room to find the whole world's media glaring back at him.

Asked how his emotions are, now he's arrived in town for the tournament's opening night, Clarke quipped: "Well, first of all, it's quite a busy press conference so it must be a big game!"

It went down like a bit of a lead balloon but then it's not Clarke's area of expertise to come across as some sort of wisecracking entertainer.

Not here and not on this particular stage.

On the contrary, the national boss was almost visibly itching to get out of the room and on to the wide acre of grass, out of the side door and across the concrete concourse where the serious business can be attended to.

And it has never felt quite as intense or as significant as it does right now.

It's taken five years of hard toil and deep thinking to get Scotland into this position.

Yes, Clarke has stumbled once or twice along the way but there's a sense everything has been channelled towards this grand arrival in Bavaria.

The last Euros was only a step towards this one. A Covid-riddled mess of a European Championships, spluttering from the start.

That was over for Clarke and his players before it had properly got up and running. However, it was another



in the development of Clarke's Scotland.

Now it's led us all here, to this packed-out press room inside one of the greatest stadiums ever to have been built.

Clarke cleared his throat and added: "We've settled in well, trained well and we're looking forward to the match."

He was asked if he has allowed the enormity of the occasion to feed into the ice that almost always seems to run through his veins.

The answer was classic Clarke. He was off and running now.

He said: "No. But that's just me, that's the way I am.

'Obviously it's a big game but for us it's the opening game of a four-team section, so we'll have three matches.

We know what we have to do to qualify out of the section and that's the only thing we're focused on.

The enormity of the opening game or whatever?

That's a little bit of a sideshow and hopefully we don't get too involved in that."

That is partly the manager's job. Before leaving the peaceful serenity of base camp in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Clarke began warning the players of the mayhem they were about to encounter 56 miles up the road. Clarke's

hugely important milestone message was clear - keep your heads in the game.

But he has also challenged them to deal with their own internal feelings of nerves and excitement while not allowing it to distract them from their end goal.

He said: "It's difficult for me to do that – they have to do that themselves. That's what they have to do.

But most of them have played in big matches before. "I'm sure they'll all handle the occasion quite well.

They are all good. There is an edge there now. I could sense that edge growing in training throughout the week.

'I'd actually be disappointed if it wasn't there, so it's been nice to see."

And they know they won't be alone out there when kickoff comes around.

They only needed to look out the windows of the team bus on their way towards training last night to see half of Scotland has already arrived in town.

The foreign media have been staggered by the numbers involved and predictions this Tartan Army invasion force may top 200,000.

Not Clarke, though. He always knew they'd be coming.

He smiled and said: "We know the supporters are here in their numbers to support weeks at least.

us. We know they are going to be right behind us in every minute of every game. That's really important for us.

"We've had a little taste of that where we are based.

"It made the walk to training more enjoyable!

"I know there are many more here in Germany who we haven't seen. And I hope they enjoy it and behave themselves."

The nerves had dissipated. The pride in his work and that of the squad he has built

was beginning to kick in. Clarke said: "We should all be proud we're here.

"Ît has been a long time since 1998 when we last travelled abroad for a major tournament. That's why the nation is so excited.

The last championships were obviously Covidaffected but I'm proud we've managed to achieve back-toback qualifications for the European Championships.

"And hopefully by the end of these championships we're all proud that we've achieved a little bit more."

Then, when asked by one German journo about the greatest influences on his own managerial style, the 60-year-old said: "Everybody is different.

"When you work with a head coach or a manager, they all want to win.

"They all have a different vay of going about it and how they get that message across.

For me, having worked with some top, top managers and coaches, I've formulated my own ideas myself.

Thankfully it's got me this far and sitting in this chair at this moment in time."

It did feel as if he would rather be sitting somewhere else. Anywhere else.

But if Clarke's players can live up to the expectations of their manager, then he's going to have get used to living in the limelight. For a few more

ahead of tonight's tournament opener at the Allianz Arena.

And before leading his team for one last training session at Bayern Munich's stadium, the man in charge sent out the kind of message that will get Scottish spirits soaring as the clock ticks down to an eight o'clock kick-off.

He said: "One of the mantras I've always had is, 'Respect everyone and fear no one!'. So, while we have a lot of respect for the host nation, hopefully on the night we can cause them problems.

"That's why we're here. We feel as though we can get a good result every time we step on to the pitch. Otherwise, what's the point in going out there?

We feel we're ready and hopefully you'll see that pan out on Friday night."

Asked if he will be able to enjoy such a daunting and potentially dangerous challenge in the first game better once we've go of Group A against Julian points on the board!



**RESPECT** Nagelsmann

Nagelsmann's hosts, the 60-year-old responded in equally bullish fashion.

The man who once assisted Jose Mourinho at Chelsea said: "Yeah, I can enjoy it. I think now, with the experience I've picked up along the way, I can do that.

"I have been lucky enough to have been involved in big matches throughout my career, for example Champions League finals. I was lucky enough to be involved in big games like that.

I have also been a manager at the European Championships as well. But I'll enjoy this one even better once we've got four

## No sign... even if fans set to Kyl for glimpse of star

TOURNAMENT organisers were stunned by an outbreak of Kylian Mbappe mania - which saw them swamped by 100,000 ticket applications just to watch Real Madrid's new superstar train.

But in a rather cruel twist, the France skipper and Kingsley Coman were then absent from the squad who emerged. The striker was expected to be put through his paces with the rest of Les Bleus' highly-fancied squad at the 4000-capacity Home Deluxe Arena in the historic cathedral city of Paderborn last night after arriving in Germany.

After announcing the session would be open to the public, the demand for free tickets exploded.



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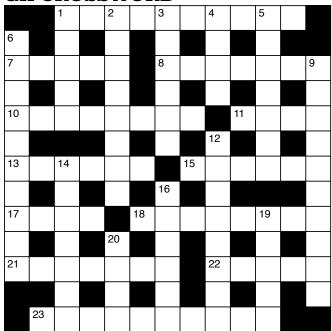
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## GK CROSSWORD



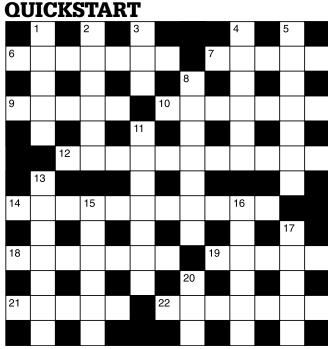
## **DOWN**

- 1. Seaport in N.E. Queensland,
- Australia, on the Coral Sea (10)
  7. Island in the Caribbean off the N.W. coast of Venezuela (5)
- 8. 1988 Best Picture Oscar winner (4,3)
- See 2 Dn.

**ACROSS** 

- 11. Laurence Olivier's middle name (4)
- 13. Match of three games in bridge (6)
- **15.** David, leader of the Branch Davidian cult (6)
- 17. Thomas, 18c English composer whose masque Alfred included the song Rule, Britannia! (4)
- Paul, jazz bandleader known as
- 'the King of Jazz' (8) Cinema designed to be used by customers seated in their
- **22.** J.M., author of The Playboy of the Western World (5)
- 23. See 2 Dn.

- 1. Donald, American real estate
- developer born in 1946 (5) **2 and 10 and 23 Ac.** 1962 film for which Bette Davis was an
- Oscar nominee (4.4.8.2.4.4) 3. Light four-wheeled horse-
- drawn carriage (6) Genus of plants of southern Africa with funnel-shaped flowers (4)
- Auguste and Louis, French
- cinema pioneers (7) 1986 Ken Loach film scripted by playwright Trevor Griffiths (10)
- Abbey', novel by Jane Austen (10)
- 12. Arm of the Atlantic between Great Britain and the European mainland (5,3)
- City in Victoria, Australia, founded in 1851 after the discovery of gold (7)
- Form of hockey of Scottish origin (6)
- Type of small whalebone whale (5)
- 20. In Greek mythology, Queen of the Olympian gods (4)



## **ACROSS**

- 6. Adorn (7) Under (5)
- Cape (5)
- Imprison (7) 12.
- Indifferent (11) 14. Sequential (11)
- Sourness (7) 19. Besom (5)
- 21. Kingdom (5)
- Far (7)

## **DOWN**

- 4.
- Travel (7)
- 8. Poverty (7)
- 11. Ostracise (7)
- Encumber (6)
- 17. Discovered (5)
- **20.** Large (3)

- 1. Answer (5)
- Reach (6) 3. Heated (3)
- Rankle (6)

- 13. Docket (7)
- Truth (6)

## **NINER**

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

27159 gives a daily record 618754 gives ridicule 345646 gives poems

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

## **QUICK QUIZ**

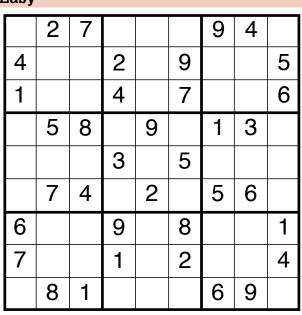
- 1. Which of Shakespeare's great tragedies is set in Elsinore?
- 2. What name is given to the upgrading of a former working class street or district for habitation by the middle classes?
- 3. In which popular tourist area is the mountain Helvellyn?
- 4. Of which US state is Atlanta the capital?
- 5. What name is given to the ends of the Earth's axis, about which it rotates?
- 6. Which British prime minister negotiated the Munich Agreement with Hitler, Daladier and Mussolini?
- 7. Which game has playing periods called chukkas?
- 8. Which Russian dramatist wrote Three Sisters?
- 9. What name is given to the extensive grasslands of the interior of North America?
- 10. Which part of The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer contains descriptions of all the pilgrims?

- 11. What was the name of the English captain whose life was said to have been saved by
- Pocahontas? 12. In zoology, which order of mammals includes monkeys. apes and humans?
- 13. Which market town is the administrative centre of Essex?
- 14. Which compound found in tonic water was used to treat malaria?
- 15. What name is given to the use in war of toxic substances on humans, animals or plants?
- **16.** Which residential district of London is famous for its Royal Hospital for old soldiers?
- 17. Which singer's first big hit was Heartbreak Hotel?
- 18. In which English county is the town of Cheltenham?
- 19. Which prime number is between 11 and 17?
- 20. Which stage of human history came after the Bronze Age?

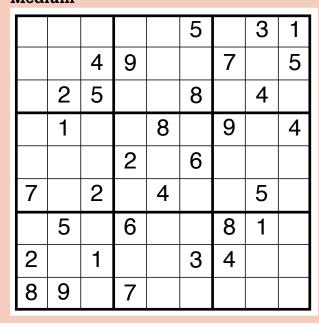
## **SUDOKU**

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

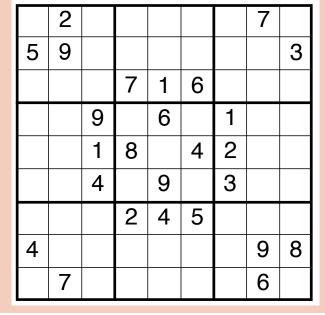
## Easy



## Medium



## Hard



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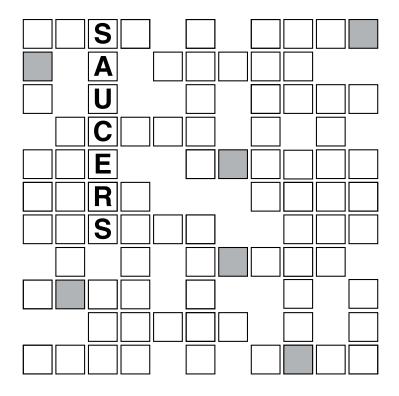
**TWO** 

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**BASE BECK** 

## FILL IN

When you've completed the puzzle, rearrange the shaded squares to spell out a European capital city. We've given you one word to start you off.



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**6 LETTERS ACUMEN ANIMUS EITHER 4 LETTERS OSSIFY PECTIN SIESTA** 

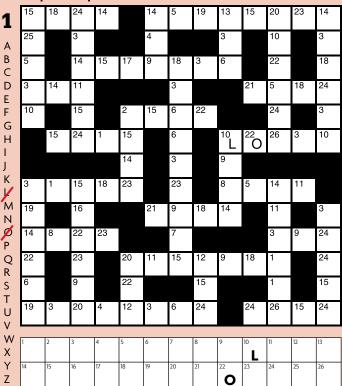
**CYAN** LASH **7 LETTERS** NAME **MANATEE** PAIN **SAUCERS WEAR** 

**5 LETTERS AVIAN** 

**WERE** 

## **CODEWORD**

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



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## WORDSEARCH

Find the listed words and phrases in the grid below. Words can run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

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## **FICTIONAL FELINES**

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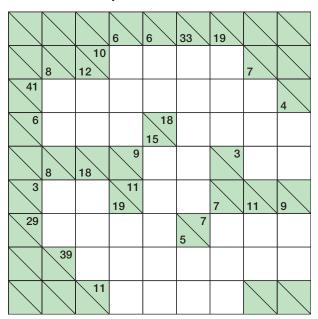
## **30-SEC BRAIN TEASER**

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER 12	×6	+8	30% of this	-10	×3	+18	2/3 of this	+15	÷5	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 16	+12	×3	+51	÷15	-2	Squared	+11	+ 2/5 of this	+17	ANSWER
ADVANCED 66	×4	-34	40% of this	+209	÷7	+12	+2/5 of this	+12	×3	ANSWER

## **KAKURO**

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9. Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it. No number may be used more than once in any one block.



## **KILLER**

Normal Sudoku rules apply, plus, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

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**ARROWWORD** The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

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## **SOLUTIONS**

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Townsville; 7 Aruba; 8 Rain Man; 10 Happened; 11 Kerr; 13 Rubber;

- 15 Koresh; 17 Arne; 18 Whiteman; 21 Drive-in; 22 Synge; 23 To Baby Jane.

- Down: 1 Trump; 2 What Ever; 3 Surrey; 4 Ixia; 5 Lumière; 6 Fatherland; 9 Northanger; 12 North Sea; 14 Bendigo; 16 Shinty; 19 Minke; 20 Hera.

## QUICKSTART CROSSWORD

- Across: 6 Festoon; 7 Below; 9 Cloak; 10 Capture; 12 Unconcerned;
- 14 Consecutive; 18 Acidity; 19 Broom; 21 Realm; 22 Distant. Down: 1 Reply;
- 2 Attain; 3 Hot; 4 Fester; 5 Journey; 8 Paucity; 11 Boycott; 13 Voucher;
- 15 Saddle; 16 Verity; 17 Found; 20 Big.

1 Hamlet; 2 Gentrification; 3 Lake District; 4 Georgia; 5 North and South

Pole; 6 Neville Chamberlain; 7 Polo; 8 Anton Chekhov; 9 Prairie; 10 The Prologue; 11 John Smith; 12 Primates; 13 Chelmsford; 14 Quinine; 15 Chemical warfare; 16 Chelsea; 17 Elvis Presley; 18 Gloucestershire; 19 13; 20 Iron Age.

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**ADVERSITY** 

## 30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

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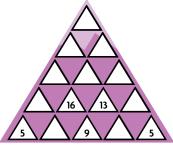
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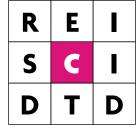
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## **SUMMIT UP**

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



## WORDSQUARE

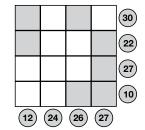


Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

Target: 12 – good; 16 – very good; 20 or more – excellent

## **EVENS**

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey



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WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time

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**MOKD LADDER** One possible solution is: SHAM, SWAM, SWAP, SOAP, SOAK, SOCK, MOCK.

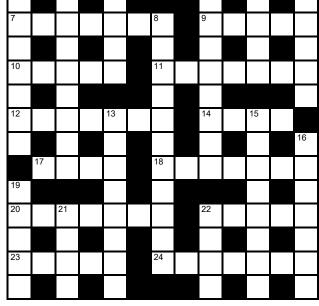
## WEE THINKER

## Across

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- 9 Steal and cook (5)
- 10 Loves to change answer (5)
- 11 Flowers for Judy (7)
- 12 Maybe I'm in vat A or C? (7)
- 14 Sail staggeringly into the wind! (4)
- 17 Then started with birds (4)
- 18 Ocean bird heading for Welsh city (7)
- 20 Feature no vocal composition (7)
- 22 Brittle snack (5)
- 23 Resort on the right is better (5)
- 24 Apprehensive over sun moving (7)

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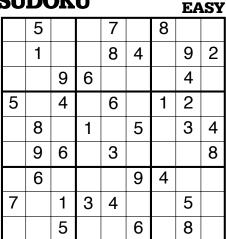
- 1 Not a successive communication! (7)
- 2 The Russian style is a dangerous game (8)
- 3 I have to follow daughter to seedy club (4)



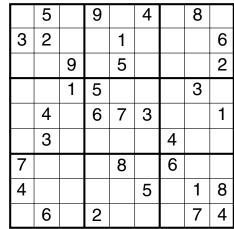
- 4 New to Peter, a light musical drama (8)
- Stammered thanks at parting (2-2)
- 6 How dull they sound! (5)
- Race to get food and cutlery (3-3-5)
- 13 Great deal on land makes a killing (8)
- 15 For a con to break out of jail is a hard thing (4,4)
- 16 Angelic musician (7)
- 19 Incident in prevention (5)
- 21 Plucky, having fortune (4)
- 22 Worry about race (4)

## **SUDOKU**

**ANSWERS** 



## **MEDIUM**



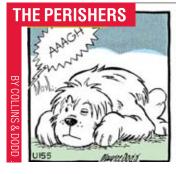
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LAGER, PLEASE

## Across

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- Tented area (4)
- Wears away (6) 10.
- Change direction suddenly (6)
- **14.** Lair (3)
- Weak and 16. delicate (5)
- Baby carriage (4) 19. Smooth cotton
- thread (5) Cabbage type (5)
- Mature (5) 23. Vestibule (4)
- 26. Lowest point (5)
- 28. Number (3)
- Suitable for 29.
- crops (6) 30. Wealthy
- informally (6) **31.** Askew (4)

**32.** One-sided (8) **33.** Osculates (6)

## Down

- 1. Slumbering (6)
- 2. Royal crown (6)
- Faucets (4) Bluebottle (7)
- 5.
- Star sign (5) Gem (5)
- 8. Musical term (4)
- 9. Blokes (3)
- **12.** Before (3) 13. All-night watch (5)
- Plunges headfirst into water (5)
- 18. Aircraft detection system (5)
- Circuit (3) 20.
- Male offspring (3) 21. Prime cut of
- beef (7) **22.** Tease (3)

- 23. Card suit (6) \_ Murray, tennis
- star (4) 25. Women's public lavatory (6)
- Diaper (5) Firm supplying **27**. milk (5)
- 28. Pull with a rope (3)
- **30.** Long and limp (4)

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 1 Rebus, 4 Umpires, 8 Domains, 9 Elgar, 10 Eva, 11 Defendant, 13 Hotter, 14 Inform, 17 Backstage, 19 End, 21 Tiger, 23 Golfers, 24 Trainee, 25 Dates.

DOWN: 1 Ridge, 2 Bombastic, 3 Spindle, 4 Unsafe, 5 Preen, 6 Rig Stratum, 12 Atonement, 13 Habitat, 15 Needled, 16 Wangle, 18 Siren, 20 Doses, 22 Goa.

YOU PROMISED AGGIE THAT WE WOULD ONLY BUY

ONE ROUND.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 1 First; 6 Score; 9 Partial; 10 Egg on; 11 Maybe; 12 Snoop; 13 Failing; 15 Leg; 17 Errs; 18 Safari; 19 Deter; 20 Roster; 22 Veal; 24 Soh; 25 Towards; 26 Fever; 27 Alter; 28 Signs; 29 Evolves; 30 Aside: 31 Welsh.

DOWN: 2 Ingmar; 3 Spoils; 4 Tan; 5 Sting; 6 Samovar; 7 Clap; 8 Rubber; 12 Sneer; 13 Fears; 14 Irish; 15 Lager; 16 Girls; 18 Senor 19 Deserve; 21 Oodles; 22 Valise; 23 Adonis; 25 Tells; 26 Feed; 28 Sew.





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## Souey: Last 16 has to be goal

BY **GRAEME YOUNG** 

**GRAEME SOUNESS fears** Steve Clarke's troops will be outgunned at the Euros but still backs them to reach the knockout stages.

Beyond the last 16, the Scotland icon reckons England are primed to go all the way and end their 58-year wait to reign supreme at a major finals.

Souness, who racked up 54 caps, has huge concerns over Clarke's options up front in Germany after QPR striker Lyndon Dykes was ruled out.

But the former Rangers and Liverpool gaffer isn't waving the white flag as Scotland prepare to take on Germany in Munich tonight before Hungary and Switzerland.

The 71-year-old said: "There isn't a harder opening game than the hosts, Germany. This also has to be the best Hungary side I've seen.

'I expect Scotland to have a difficult time. They can't beat any team in a goal fest because they don't have a striker who can score goals at that level.

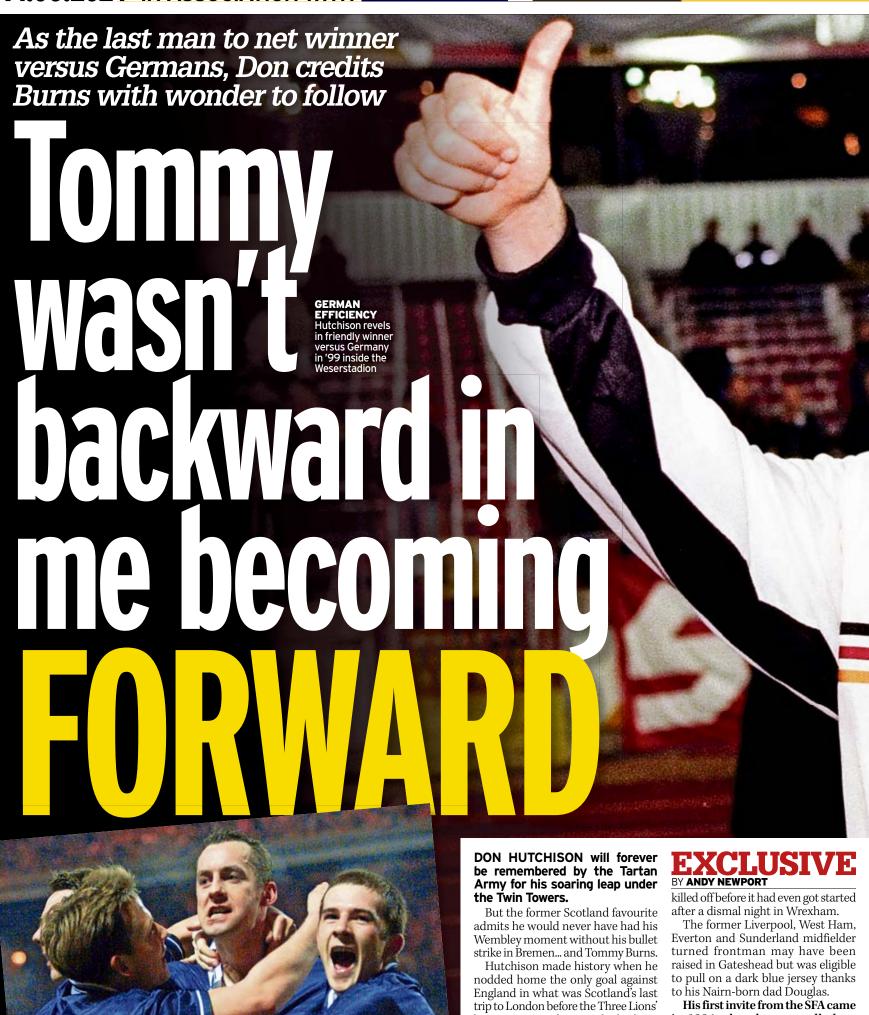
'They'll have to come up with a way to stay in games and play counter-attacking football. But it's not beyond them to finish second in their group."

Souness, though, doesn't see similar problems for Gareth Southgate's side.

Speaking on William Hill's Three Up Front podcast, he said: "The stars have aligned for England.

"Experience in winning tournaments doesn't matter. If you're a top player, you go into every game thinking you can win.

'These players are winning games every week at club level, they're winners. They don't put the England shirt on and feel different because they've never won a tournament in it."



home was torn down and rebuilt.

But he's also in the record books for being the last Scot to score a winner against Germany courtesy of his clinical strike in a friendly almost seven months before that play-off clash with the Auld Enemy.

His Wembley header was not enough to book a slot for Craig Brown's side at Euro 2000 but it did secure him a place in the hearts of the Scotland faithful.

Hutchison, though, is the first to admit he feared his cap career – which ran to 26 senior games – had been

in 1994 when he was called up for a B international friendly against Wales.

Hutchison was hardly a stand-out in a 2-1 defeat but something stuck in the mind of Burns, who had been asked to take the team that night by national boss Brown.

Fast forward five years and when Brown was short of a striker ahead of the clash with Germany, it was Burns who suggested Hutchison be given the nod.

Thrown his big chance against Die Mannschaft, having only made his



international debut off the bench when replacing Gary McAllister against the Czechs the month before, Hutchison took it by lacing the ball past Jens Lehmann.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Looking back on his big break, Hutchison said: "It was Tommy Burns who was behind my call-up. "I'd played in a B international

against Wales in Wrexham.

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"It was a bit of a bang average game, I didn't really stand out.

"But Tommy played me up front in the second half.

"Now I didn't really think I'd done much – I can't because I never got a call-up for another five years!

"But I saw an interview with Craig recently where he tells this lovely story about how he was looking for a striker because all the guys in the Scotland squad were injured.

"He asks Tommy if there's anyone from the B team he should put in the squad and Tommy suggested my name. But Broony goes, 'No chance

– he won't get in the team, we've got Barry Ferguson, Paul Lambert, John Collins, Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall' – all midfield heroes at that time. But Tommy goes, 'No, as a striker! He did well against Wales all those years ago, give him a try'.

"So I got a call-up for that friendly against Germany where I scored on my full debut. A few months later I then got the goal against England at Wembley, so I've got a lot to thank Tommy Burns for."

Hutchison was a late convert to playing up top but the then 27-yearold looked like he'd spent his entire life there as he fired past Lehmann.

However, his celebration routine wasn't quite as slick.

He laughed and said: "It was a decent finish for my goal but the celebration was absolutely s\*\*t! I didn't know what to do!

"I just ended up clapping, which looked ridiculous. It looked like I was clapping my own finish!

"But it was a real big moment for

my Scotland career. I hadn't had a sniff of a call-up since that B cap I'd won against Wales in 1994.

"To go from that night in Wrexham, where I must have been crap because I never got a game for five years, to scoring against Germany was quite a big leap forward.

"And I look back on it now with extra significance because it put me in the frame for the England game a few months down the line.

"That set me up for that night at Wembley, which is probably what I'm best remembered for up in Scotland.

"That England game would never have happened without that night in Bremen."

Steve Clarke will be hoping one of his men will walk out of Munich's Allianz Arena tonight with their own moment to remember.

moment to remember.

Hutchison said: "I'm optimistic. I wouldn't have any fear as a Scotland player. I don't think footballers go into games with that kind of mindset.

"When you go into the tunnel and

the opposition line up alongside you, you see it as a challenge.

"I've been there. I've stood there and watched Manchester United greats like Paul Scholes and Roy Keane strut up beside me.
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"I played against Arsenal's
Invincibles, I went up
a gainst Lothar
Matthaus in that
Germany game.

"And I was

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And I was never, ever fearful. It just wasn't in my make-up and I don't think there will be any of that in Steve Clarke's squad.

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"So for the likes of John McGinn or Scott McTominay going up against

someone like Toni Kroos, I'm sure they will see that as a test.

"Kroos is a quality midfielder, one of the best in the world. But it's up to our guys to find a way to disrupt him, to take away his positives and impose their own.

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"Can McGinn and McTominay use their legs to drag him around the pitch into areas he doesn't want to go?

to go?
"We don't want to get involved in a stand-up match with a six-time C h a m p i o n s
League winner because he'll be too good. But Steve will have a

plan for how to deal with him.
"I expect they'll put McGinn up against Kroos and hope his energy can nullify Germany's main creator."



## SCOTLAND'S G KICK-OFF

## 1954 World Cup, Switzerland: SCOTLAND 0-1 Austria (30,000).

Erich Probst's first-half goal was the difference in Scotland's first game at a major tournament. SCOTLAND: Martin, Cunningham, Aird, Docherty, Davidson, Cowie, McKenzie, Fernie, Mochan, Brown, Ormond.

## 1958 World Cup, Sweden: SCOTLAND 1-1 Yugoslavia (9,591).

Hearts ace Jimmy Murray scored his only Scotland goal in this draw. SCOTLAND: Younger, Caldow, Hewie Turnbull, Evans, Cowie, Leggat, Murray, Mudie, Collins, Imlach.

## 1974 World Cup, West Germany:

SCOTLAND 2-0 Zaire (25,800).
Goals from Peter Lorimer and Joe Jordan in Dortmund won it. SCOTLAND: Harvey, Jardine, Holton, Blackley, McGrain, Dalglish, Hutchison, Hay, Lorimer, Jordan, Law

## 1978 World Cup, Argentina: SCOTLAND 1-3 Peru (37,927).

Jordan got Ally MacLeod's side off to a flier but it turned into a catastrophe in Cordoba.

SCOTLAND: Rough, Kennedy, Buchan, Rioch, Forsyth, Burns, Masson, Hartford, Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston

## 1982 World Cup, Spain: SCOTLAND 5-2 New Zealand (36,000).

John Wark's double and goals from Kenny Dalglish, John Robertson plus Steve Archibald KO'd the Kiwis. SCOTLAND: Rough, McGrain, Ha

Evans, Gray, Strachan, Souness, Dalglish, Robertson, Wark, Brazil.

## 1986 World Cup, Mexico: SCOTLAND 0-1 Denmark (18,000).

Preben Elkjaer's goal scunnered Alex Ferguson's side.

SCOTLAND: Leighton, Gough, McLeish, Miller, Malpas, Strachan, Souness, Aitken, Nicol, Nicholas, Sturrock.

## 1990 World Cup, Italy: SCOTLAND 0-1 Costa Rica (30,867).

Juan Arnoldo Cayasso netted the winner just after the break. SCOTLAND: Leighton, Gough, McLeish, McPherson, Malpas, Bett, McStay, McCall, Aitken, Johnston, McInally.

1992 Euros, Sweden: SCOTLAND 0-1 Netherlands (35,720).

Scotland went down to a late finish from Dennis Bergkamp. SCOTLAND: Goram, McKimmie, Gough, McPherson, Malpas, McCall, McAllister, McStav. McClair. Durie. McCoist.

## 1996 Euros, England: SCOTLAND 0-0 Netherlands (34,363).

Craig Brown's side held firm in the face of an onslaught. SCOTLAND: Goram, McKimmie, Calderwood, Hendry, Boyd, Gallacher, McCall, McAllister, Collins, Booth, Durie.

## 1998 World Cup, France: SCOTLAND 1-2 Brazil (80,000).

Tom Boyd's late own goal broke Tartan Army hearts after John Collins' penalty leveller. SCOTLAND: Leighton, Burley, Calderwood, Hendry, Boyd, Lambert, Collins, Dailly, Jackson, Gallacher, Durie.

## 2021 Euros, Europe-wide: SCOTLAND 0-2 Czech Rep (9,847).

Patrik Schick lobbed David Marshall from halfway for a double. **SCOTLAND:** Marshall, O'Donnell, Hendry, Hanley, Cooper, Robertson, McTominay, McGinn, Armstrong, Dykes, Christie.

STEVE CLARKE may be the one who's facing the agonising decision over who gets the nod against Germany but we thought we'd give him a hand as our team of writers name their XI from heaven.

## **KEITH JACKSON**

Gunn, Forrest, Porteous, Hendry, Tierney, Robertson, McTominay, Gilmour, McGregor, McGinn, Adams

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Thank God it's down to Steve Clarke to make the final call because there will be some difficult decisions to make.

In goal, Angus Gunn retains top spot and rightly so, even if his form may have dipped for Norwich towards the end of the Championship season.

The big curveball comes at right wingback in the shape of James Forrest.

The Celtic wideman is bang in form, has the ability to carry the ball down the flank and the energy to get back to do the dirty work. With the pace of Ryan Porteous providing defensive cover behind him, Clarke may feel he can afford to take that kind of risk.

Grant Hanley's lack of match fitness means Jack Hendry is more likely to pillar the middle of the manager's three-man central defence, with Kieran Tierney and Andy Robertson dovetailing on the left.

Billy Gilmour and Callum McGregor shore up the base of midfield, their ability to keep possession in tight areas and composure to dictate the play from deep essential.

Scott McTominay and John McGinn will play further forward and slightly wider, where they have done so much damage in the final third. The two of them have the quality to hurt the Germans.

Up front, Che Adams has the running power and the physical attributes required to keep the German defence honest for an hour or so, which is why the Southampton striker just gets the nod for a starting place ahead of Lawrence Shankland.

## **MICHAEL GANNON**

Gunn, Ralston, Hendry, Porteous, Tierney, Robertson, McGregor, Gilmour, McTominay, McGinn, Adams

Gunn has been the main man between the sticks in recent times and should get the nod to start the big one.

Right wing-back is the big call given injuries to Aaron Hickey and Nathan Patterson. But Anthony Ralston could be a surprise hero for Scotland.

The Celtic star will not be overawed by the big occasion and knows how to put in a defensive shift.

Hanley doesn't quite look fit enough yet but Hendry and Porteous were superb in qualifying so deserve to start.

Midfield is our strongest area and we need guys in there who can work hard but also get up the pitch to support Adams.

That will be the job of McTominay and McGinn, while McGregor plus Gilmour can sit deep and dictate when they get on the ball.

It will be hard graft for Adams up top but he's used to it. He has a goal threat whenever the odd chance comes his way.

We'll need legs from the bench on opening night, with Ryan Christie, Stuart Armstrong and Kenny McLean there.

## STARTERS AND MAIN COURSES

Gilmour and Christie, main left and right, will be in the mix while our team are at odds as to whether Shankland and Forrest, inset left and right, should get the nod tonight

## Thank God it is Clarke's call tonight as there will be some difficult decisions

FRASER WILSON Gunn, McCrorie, Hendry, Porteous, Tierney, Robertson, McGregor, Christie, McTominay, McGinn, Shankland

Call me old-fashioned but this is an occasion to play our strongest system with our strongest players in each role.

That means straight away our main weapon on the left demands Tierney play on the left of defence, dovetailing with Robertson outside him. So far, so simple.

Injuries have made right-back the big dilemma. Ross McCrorie edges it over Ralston for me due to his regular game time over the last six months.

McCrorie is solid defensively but also has that Rolls-Royce engine to get forward.

The rest of the backline picks itself but in midfield we have a plethora of options.

McGregor's drive and creativity are a must at the base and ahead of the Celtic skipper, McTominay and McGinn



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can press the Germans while supporting the striker.

## But I would love to see Christie also thrown in beside McGregor.

The playmaker filled that deeper role for Bournemouth last season and can get forward to support while providing a bigger goal threat than Gilmour.

Up front, I still believe the strength, link up and predatory instincts of Shankland are best to start with.

## **ANDY NEWPORT**

Gunn, Hendry, Porteous, Tierney, Ralston, Gilmour, McGregor, Robertson, McGinn, McTominay, Shankland

Scotland ended up suffering a Dutch doing when they rocked up in Amsterdam in March. And yet, for 70 minutes of that friendly clash with the Netherlands we were right in the fight. For me, the system

Clarke rolled out that night should be the template he turns to against a Germany outfit who are no great shakes.

I'd stick with the same back three who started against the Dutch and there's no doubt Gunn is our nailed-on No.1.

Injuries mean Clarke has an issue at right wing-back. I toyed with the idea of going uber attacking against the hosts and putting Forrest in there.

But with Germany's big threat coming down the left, with No.10 Florian Wirtz and left-back Maximilian Mittelstadt constantly looking to swap position in the search for space, the legs and physicality of Ralston get him the edge over his club-mate plus McCrorie.

Christie has had a terrific season with the Cherries, playing 43 games, and started against the Dutch.

But I like the look of McGregor and Gilmour together at the base of a fourman midfield box. Christie would have a big part to play off the bench, though.

That is because, in this system, twin 10s McTominay and McGinn will be required to put in a big shift helping to drag Scotland up the pitch in the face of German pressure.

Shankland missed a big chance against the Dutch but the Hearts skipper proved that night he can link up well.

For me, his killer instinct in the box should get the 31-goal Jambos striker the edge over Adams.

## SCOTT BURNS

Gunn, Hendry, Hanley, Tierney, McCrorie, Gilmour, McGregor, Robertson, McTominay, McGinn, Adams

I just think Clarke will revert to type and go for the sort of formation he has favoured, one which has brought him most success. That means a three-man defence, which has been the basis of his teams in recent seasons.

## I know the manager tinkered with a four at the end of the qualifying campaign but it saw the team lose a lot more goals.

I believe it will be back to a three, which will allow Robertson and McCrorie to get out down either side.

The midfield picks itself.

Against Germany we are going to have to retain the ball.

That is where McGregor and Gilmour come into their own.

The running power and eye for a goal from McTominay and McGinn further forward should allow them to play off Adams as the main striker.

Getting goals from the middle of the park has been the team's strength and I see that continuing.

## Shock & Bull story

LEWIS MORGAN can be Scotland's secret weapon in tonight's Euros opener, according to his German boss Sandro Schwarz.

The New York Red Bulls forward was a late call-up to Steve Clarke's squad after injuries to Lyndon Dykes and Ben Doak.

The former Celtic and St Mirren attacker will miss games in the MLS because of his inclusion.

But his club's manager - former Hertha Berlin gaffer Schwarz - is chuffed after he returned from injury setbacks.

He said: "It's great for him as an individual to play for his country.

"It's also great for us, for the club, because it shows how we work together. I am super happy for Lewis. I was buzzing for him.

"He deserved it. I hope he enjoys the opportunity and makes the most of it.

"My advice to him is to just to be yourself and play free. Don't stress too much, do what you do."

## Gauld up for a call

VANCOUVER boss Vanni Sartini insists Ryan Gauld is good enough to play for the national team.

And he hopes Steve Clarke's comments have reignited the playmaker's bid to break into the fold.

Scotland gaffer Clarke declared the inclusion of New York Red Bulls forward Lewis Morgan should remind Gauld he's not forgotten about him.

Sartini reckons the 28-year-old has proven he is one of the best players in the MLS.

Now he hopes it is only a matter of time before the ex-Dundee United and Hibs midfielder collects his first cap.

Sartini said: "Ryan has been one of the top 10 players in this league for the last three years.

"It is the minimum that he is on the radar of the national team because he is playing at international level. The fact Clarke said he's on the radar, it can be a stimulus for him to give one, two per cent more to see if, after the Euros, he can be called up."





# Every day's a cool day for Tony

BY MICHAEL BAILLIE

GUS MacPHERSON insists Anthony Ralston will not be fazed by facing Germany.

 $Mac Pherson \ remembers$ pitching in a fearless 16-year-old Ralston for his professional debut while on loan at Queen's Park.

And he is sure the Celtic defender will take it in his stride if he gets the nod from Steve Clarke to start at right wing-back in tonight's Euro 2024 opener against the hosts.

Now St Johnstone's head of football operations, MacPherson was Spiders manager in 2015 when he contacted Hoops youth chief Chris McCart about bringing in a player on loan.

McCart recommended Ralston and MacPherson insists the full-back proved to be exceptional.

Ralston impressed for Queen's and was recalled as then Hoops manager Ronny Deila felt the teen could push for first-team opportunities.

He went on to make his Celtic debut in May 2016 against St Johnstone.

The 25-year-old has progressed to win six Premiership titles at Parkhead plus star in the Champions League.

And MacPherson said: "Nothing will faze him.

"He's laid-back but has a fantastic attitude.

"It's a huge contrast, playing in League Two and in the Euros.

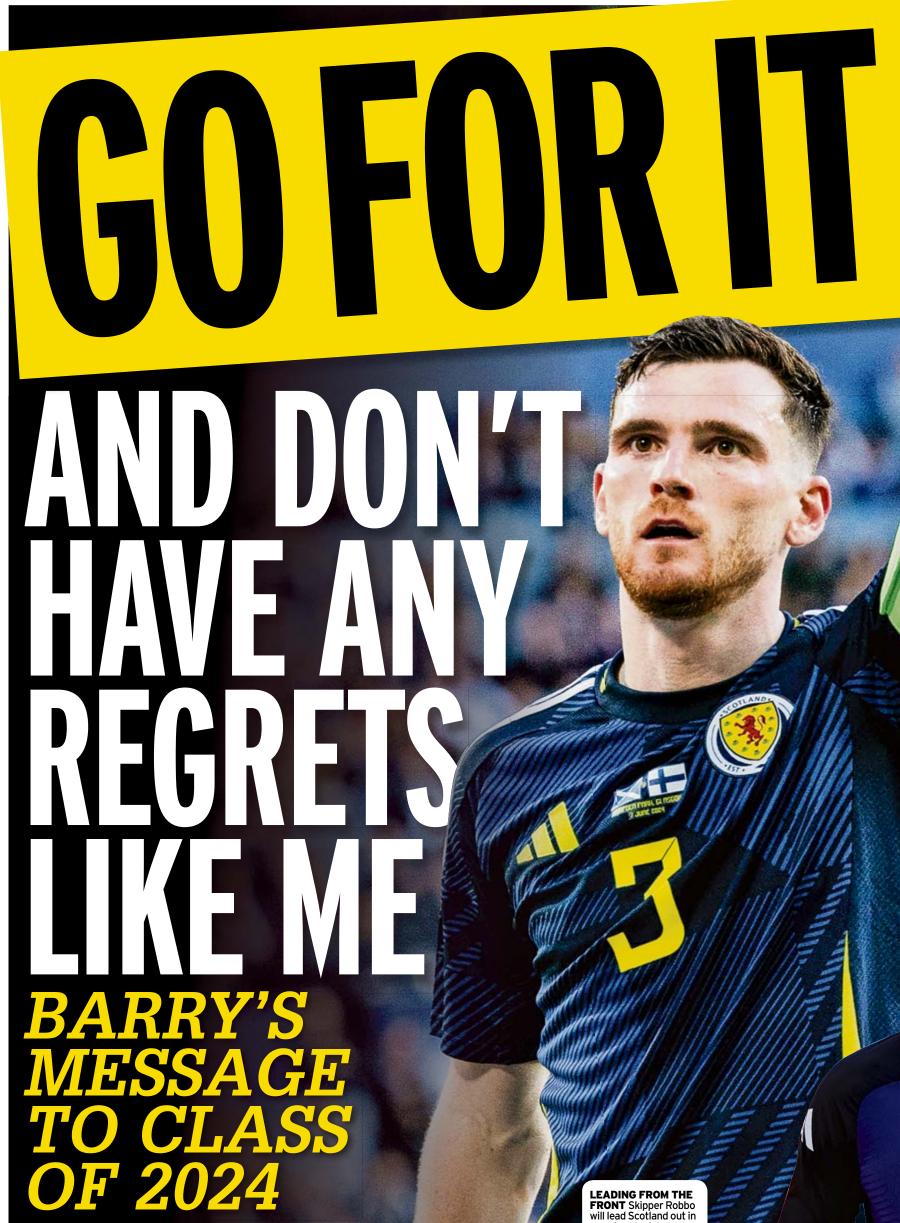
"But at that time he was only 16 years old and he just went and did it, took it in his stride.

"He's had challenges along the way, competition for places, but he's stuck at it and got on with his job.

"Stevie Clarke is a better judge than me of international defenders but he'll trust him.

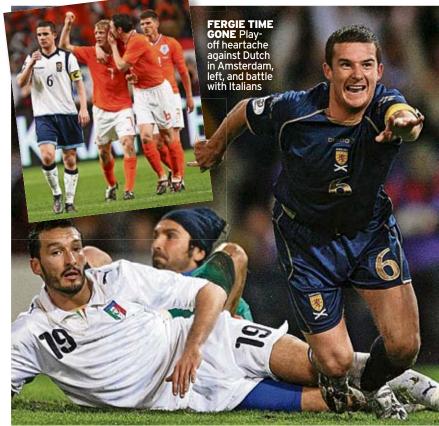
"He's the type of player you can put in and nothing will faze him.

"He'll give 100 per cent, no question."



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advantage but look at some of the results they've suffered over the last year or two.

Pumped 4-1 by Japan under former gaffer Hansi Flick last September, edged out 3-2 by Turkey in one of Nagelsmann's first games two months later... these aren't the results you'd expect of the powerhouse they used to be.

Of course, Clarke will demand his players go out with the mindset they are facing a quality side but I really believe this is a Germany team we can get at.

There are areas where we can hurt them, especially down our left-hand side if Andy Robertson and Kieran Tierney can get motoring.

And I believe we have players who now have the mentality to handle the occasion.

Robertson is a Champions League winner, Scott McTominay showed how much he enjoyed the responsibility of being this team's talisman, while John McGinn and Callum McGregor are big leaders too.

Of course we'd love to have had Lyndon Dykes, Aaron Hickey and the other lads forced out by injury available.

Even so, I still see enough quality – and certainly the right mindset – in the players who made the flight to Bavaria to be uber confident.

As a former midfielder, the battle I'm most looking forward to is the one in the

middle of the pitch. I can't wait to see how wee Billy Gilmour

gets on against Toni Kroos. I've loved seeing how the wee man has

flourished this season at Brighton. He's a joy to watch. When we played the Dutch in March, we more than matched

them for 70 minutes. Most of that was down to how Billy set our tempo and dominated the ball.

If we're going to get a result, we need more of that from Gilmour.

## Of course, that will not be easy against Kroos.

What else can you say about a World Cup winner who has won six - yes six -Champions Leagues?

I was lucky enough to come up against some proper German giants.

I faced Lothar Matthaus with Rangers in a 1999 Champions League double header and went up against Michael

four years later.

Ballack with Scotland in Dortmund

But Kroos is another level up entirely.

The 34-vear-old is a class act but how do you stop him?

Well I don't think we can afford to sit off a player of his ability, letting him have all of the space and time he likes on the ball. That's just inviting trouble.

ceiling We have to get in his face, bite at his ankles, maybe bundle him over a couple of times.

Listen, he'll have dealt with all that before and nine times out of 10 he'll handle it no bother.

But if we can have McGinn all over him like a rash and Gilmour waiting to pick up the spares, then maybe that's how we find the little chinks in the German armour that allow us to counter-attack and perhaps sneak a famous goal.

It will take bravery and a fault-free

But pull it off and Scotland's dreams do not have to end at the group stage.



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## Let's up the ante for tests in store

IT'S been pleasing to see Rangers getting some of their transfer work done early because they don't have a second to waste.

Philippe Clement has already spoken about the challenge awaiting his team in August.

He's right to be concerned because it is a month that could make or break his side's entire season.

Gers face nine huge games as they look to get their Premiership campaign off to a flier while also qualifying for the Champions League - all while Clement attempts to bed in a raft of signings.

Jefte and Oscar Cortes are through the door and both look like decent additions.

AC Milan youngster Clinton Nsiala has agreed to join on July 1 but I'm not sure we'll see much of this project signing in the early stages.

All three new recruits are 20 years old and while it's good to see Clement bringing in young blood, I really hope he now turns his attention to adding some experience to the spine of his team.

Rangers face a huge task to overtake Celtic this season.

For that, you need guys who have been through tough moments and come out the other side.

The Old Firm can be a brutal environment.

That's why Clement now has to prioritise players who have the mindset and character to cope with the battle ahead.

It's been a decent start to the window but I expect to see things ramp up quickly in the weeks ahead.





## Moller: We must swat the Scots

GERMAN legend Andreas Moller has demanded they get their campaign off to a flier tonight by swatting Scotland aside in Munich.

Moller was part of the last German team to win the Euros when future Scotland boss Berti Vogts guided them to a '96 triumph.

And the ex-Dortmund and Juventus star said: "It's important we send a signal to the rest of Europe by getting off to a good start against the Scots.

"I want to see this Germany team at a strong tempo against Scotland and putting them under constant pressure.

"If we are successful, it means the whole country will be full of euphoria.

"Back in 1996, Berti always used to say to us that the star is the team."

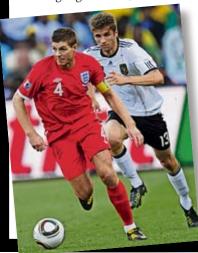
Muller is Stevie G of Bavaria and still the beating heart of Scotland's Group A rivals

THE parallels with Steven BY KEITH WEBSTER Gerrard are striking and the acclaim for his distinguished career is reserved for those whose contribution is at elite level.

But for Thomas Muller, much like Gerrard before him, nothing is better than home. It is the beat of his heart.

With Germany not only hosting the tournament but basing themselves in Bavaria, Muller could hardly be more thrilled.

As he prepared for his fourth and presumably last Euros, Muller, 34, said: "Everyone's



not just me. The whole team is looking forward to the upcoming challenge and finally getting things started.

"People have been talking a lot about the tournament since Christmas. We're happy people are starting to come together now that it's close to starting."

Born in the town of Weilheim in Oberbayern, 30 miles from Munich, Muller is set for his 17th season with Bayern. Gerrard was born within 10 miles of Liverpool, where he played for 17 seasons.

Muller's banked 707 games for his local team. Gerrard 710 for Liverpool. Muller's donned his nation's shirt 129 times - Gerrard wore the Three Lions 114 times.

They even had one famous meeting at the 2010 World Cup in Bloemfontein where Muller scored twice in a 4-1 win that sent Stevie G and England home.

That was Muller's first year of international football. In the next few weeks he should pass Lukas Podolski into third on Germany's all-time appearances list behind Lothar Matthaus and Miroslav Klose. That's despite being denied caps in 2019 and 2020

TWO TO TANGLE Gerrard & Muller

when Joachim Low refused to select him.

As he nears the end of his career with 12 Bundesliga titles, six German Cups, two Champions Leagues and a World Cup medal, nothing's dimmed his enthusiasm for playing for his country.

He said: "It's normal to see people going about their business wearing Germany kits here. I used to be one of them!

"I hope the fans use the Euros as an opportunity to feel as happy as possible. We want to put in performances even our biggest critics can't help but applaud."

Germany fans are used to being one of the favourites. So a 4-1 home loss against Japan and the firing of boss Hansi Flick had a nation concerned until wins over Holland and France in March.

As he looked forward to launching the tournament against Scotland, Muller said: You can't deny we have players operating at a world-class level but we can't expect everything to land in our laps.

"It's all about going the extra mile, about helping your team-mates out. It means everyone has to know what it takes to win as a team.

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## **GALLAGHER SCOT AWAY**

CONOR GALLAGHER could have been lining up for Scotland in Munich in the Euro 2024 opener - but was not considered good enough.

The Chelsea midfielder, who qualified through his late grandfather, tried out for the junior set-up but didn't make the cut.

But now Gallagher is battling for a starting spot in Gareth Southgate's team for England's first Group C match against Serbia on Sunday.

He said: "When I was 15 or 16, I wasn't good enough to play for the England youth team so I went to train with one of the Scotland teams to see what I was like and wasn't good enough for them either!

"I managed to work my way back into the England youth set-up and was lucky enough to stay in it."

Gallagher's Chelsea contract only has a year to run and he has been linked with Spurs and Aston Villa. But he insists all the talk is not a distraction and added: "I'm a Chelsea player right now and just focused on England and the tournament."





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## Kane fires warning over 'dangerous' Serbia

HARRY KANE has warned BY JOHN CROSS England face a "very dangerous" start to their Euros campaign.

They kick off against Serbia on Sunday and, although they're 33rd in FIFA's world rankings, Kane insists they can make life difficult.

Gareth Southgate's men are pre-tournament favourites but Kane warned unless they start well that tag will count for nothing.

The Three Lions captain said: "They're a team that can hurt you if you're not set up correctly and defensively they're really strong.

They make it difficult with their moves and they have tall players so can be very dangerous. "If we're not careful it could be

a difficult game for us so we need to make sure we get that right. 'We have earned this favourites

status through our tournaments so far. But we are also a team that has never won a Euros, so we're trying to make history here.

"It's a goal we want to achieve but we know it will be a long, hard road. We have to make sure we do per cent in these tournaments, very good attacking players. But

you can be punished." Kane is now England's record goal scorer and they also have Jude Bellingham, Declan Rice and Phil Foden to give them a world-class squad.

Bayern Munich star Kane believes it could be the best team he has been a part of and claims even though they may lack experience some of the young players are "fearless."

Kane said: "This squad is one of the best, if not the best, we've ever had when you look at the form and the respective leagues that many of us have played in.

"We've got incredible young talent who are fearless and just want to play.

"I hope the guys can rely on me and ask me questions and if I can help them overcome something then that's great.

"But we have such a good bond, we're always talking to each other or having dinner together and there's always conversation and that helps us.

"Gareth had a difficult decision everything right – if you're not 100 to make because we have some

for me personally it's fantastic. I want to play with players who can provide assists, who can score goals, who move well and who can get the ball in tight spaces, and we have all of that.

"Captaining England and leading the boys is probably the biggest privilege I can have as a player.

'I'll never take that for granted. This feeling is truly unique. It's an honour to do this for the fourth time.

We've had a semi-final, a final and a quarter-final so I hope we can go all the way and win.

'We've had some really good moments, including myself, but ultimately we're here to win a Euros and hopefully can do that.

"I'm excited. You're always excited, especially when you arrive in the host country, settle into the hotel and see where everything is.

"Hopefully this will be our camp for four or five weeks.

"As the days go by you get a bit nervous, the preparation starts and when you see the first game. Germany against Scotland, that's when it really starts. But at the moment everyone is pretty calm and excited."

## Pavlovic: We'll go on the attack



ICE-COOL PLAN Pavlovic

SFRBIAN defender Strahinja Pavlovic believes his team can take full advantage of England's defensive weaknesses.

Pavlovic - the Red Bull Salzburg centre-back who has been attracting admiring glances from Liverpool - has warned

Iceland gave the Serbs a perfect plan of attack for their Euro opener by humbling Gareth Southgate at Wembley.

And he said: "I would attack the English. I would go up there and try to press them. Everyone has flaws, even the English. We saw how organised Iceland were and they were able to threaten and defeat them. We are analysing everything.

"England have one of the best teams so it will be difficult. But we have to prepare the best. Let's go for a positive result."



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## COLOGNE Cologne Stadium

## Capacity: **43,000**

Both Scotland and England play one of their group games in Cologne, which will also host one of the round-of-16 matches. Previously known as the Mungersdorfer and home to Cologne since 1923, it was redeveloped to host group games at the 2006 World Cup.

Matches: Group stage, Hungary v Switzerland (Tomorrow, 2pm), Scotland v Switzerland (June 19, 8pm), Belgium v Romania (June 22, 8pm), England v Slovenia (June 25, 8pm). Last 16, 1B v 3A/D/E/F (June 30, 8pm).





## **DORTMUND BVB Stadium Dortmund**

## Capacity: **62,000**

This is Germany's largest football stadium. It has a capacity of more than 81,000, which has been reduced for the Euros due to international regulations. The ground's famous 'Yellow Wall', the continent's biggest all-standing terrace, will be all-seating during the tournament.

**Matches:** Group stage, Italy v Albania (Tomorrow, 8pm), Turkey v Georgia (June 18, 5pm), Turkey v Portugal (June 22, 5pm), France v Poland (June 25, 5pm).

Last 16, 1A v 2C (June 29, 8pm), semi-final (July 10, 8pm).

## **USSELDORF** Dusseldorf Arena

## Capacity: **47,000**

Home to Fortuna Dusseldorf, the arena has a retractable roof and construction was completed in 2004 when it replaced the Rheinstadion. It was not a chosen venue for the 2006 World Cup but has since hosted international matches. Three group games, a last-16 tie and a quarter-final will be held there.

Matches: Group stage, Austria v France (June 17, 8pm),
Slovakia v Ukraine (June 21, 2pm), Albania v Spain (June 24, 8pm), last 16, 2D v 2E (July 1, 5pm), Quarter-final (July 6, 5pm).





FRANKFURT Frankfurt Arena

## Capacity: **47,000**

Built in 1925, the Frankfurt Arena also has a retractable roof following several upgrades. England play Denmark here. It hosted matches at Euro '88 and the 2006 World Cup, and staged two NFL games last year when Kansas City beat Miami and Indianapolis defeated New England.

Matches: Group stage, Belgium v Ślovakia (June 17, 5pm), Denmark v England (June 20, 5pm), Switzerland v Germany (June 23, 8pm), Slovakia v Romania (June 26, 5pm). Last 16, 1F v 3A/B/C (July 1, 8pm).

## SEAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS

The 10 spectacular space-age venues where Euros will be won and lost Capacity: 71,000 Germany's capital will host the final on July 14, one of



the final on July 14, one of the quarter-finals and three group games. Home to Hertha Berlin, it is the tournament's biggest venue and staged the 2006 World Cup final and the 2015 Champions League final. **Matches:** Group stage, Spain v Croatia (Tomorrow, 5pm), Poland v Austria (June 21, 5pm), Netherlands v Austria (June 25, 5pm). Last 16, 2A v 2B (June 29, 5pm), Quarter-final (July 6, 8pm), Final (July 14, 8pm).



**GELSENKIRCHEN** Arena AufSchalke

## Capacity: **50,000**

Another Euro venue with a retractable roof, this one also has a slide-out pitch. Constructed in 2004 to replace Schalke's outdated Parkstadion, it will host England's opening group game. England fans will find it familiar - it was here that Wayne Rooney was sent off against Portugal at the 2006 World Cup.

Matches: Group stage, Serbia v England (Sunday, 8pm), Spain v Italy (June 20, 8pm), Georgia v Portugal (June 26, 8pm).

Last 16, 1Cv 3D/E/F (June 30, 5pm).

## HAMBURG Volksparkstadion

Germany's second largest city will stage four group games and a quarter-final. Hosted the 2010 Europa League final when Fulham lost 2-1 to Atletico Madrid and a 2006 World Cup quarter-final. It was built in 1953 – Hamburg moved into the stadium in 1963 – and has had several upgrades. Matches: Group stage, Poland v Netherlands (Sunday, 2pm), Croatia v Albania (June 19, 2pm), Georgia v Czech Republic (June 22, 2pm), Czech Republic v Turkey (June 26, 8pm). Quarter-final (July 5, 8pm).





## **LEIPZIG** Leipzig Stadium

## Capacity: **40,000**

The largest football stadium in eastern Germany was rebuilt in 2004 and renovated in 2015. It was a 2006 World Cup venue and has been home to Bundesliga side Leipzig since the 2009-10 season. Three group games, including the Netherlands versus France, and a round-of-16 tie will be staged there.

Matches: Group stage, Portugal v Czech Republic (June 18, 8pm), Netherlands v France (June 21, 8pm), Croatia v Italy (June 24, 8pm). Last 16, 1D v 2F (July 2, 8pm).

## MUNICH Allianz Arena

Bayern Munich's home stadium will host one of the semis as well as a last-16 match and four group games including Scotland's opener against the hosts. Chelsed beat Bayern on penalties to win the 2012 Champions League final at the venue, which also hosted Italy's 2-1 Euro 2020 quarter-final victory against Belgium.

Matches: Group stage, Germany v Scotland (tonight, 8pm), Romania v Ukraine (June 17, 2pm), Slovenia v Serbia (June 20, 2pm), Denmark v Serbia (June 25, 8pm). Last 16, 1E v 3A/B/C/D (July 7, 5pm), Semi-final (July 9, 8pm).





## STUTTGART Stuttgart Arena

## Capacity: **51,000**

Has a long tradition of staging major sporting events, dating back to the 1959 European Cup final. It was a venue for the 1974 and 2006 World Cups and also hosted the 1993 World Athletics Championships before being redeveloped into a football-specific stadium in 2009. Scotland will play Hungary here.

Matches: Group stage, Slovenia v Denmark (Sunday, 5pm), Germany v Hungary (June 19, 5pm), Scotland v Hungary (June 23, 8pm), Ukraine v Belgium (June 26, 5pm). Quarter-final (July 5, 5pm).



SCOTLAND'S first overseas international football tournament since 1998 kicks off tonight in the city famous for Oktoberfest but that will be nothing compared to the party the Tartan Army are planning.

And unbelievably, I find myself right at the centre of it.

Having previously lived in Glasgow for nearly 20 years and married to a Fifer, it was inevitable that once Steve Clarke's team qualified for Euro 2024, we would be here.

Our journey started at 9am on Wednesday when we left Liverpool in our accommodation and transport for the next two weeks - a mobile home packed with essentials.

There's also some food and water, of course.

Before us lay the prospect of a mammoth journey by road and train to our destination, Munich.

It has taken Scotland 26 years to get here, so what's another 24 hours? Being exiled in the north of

England, aside from trips to Hampden during qualifying, we've missed much of the excitement

during the build-up.

But it wasn't long before we started to catch up as we met fellow Scots at service stations and on the Channel Tunnel train.

Dare we dream? Yes. First, though, we needed to actually get to Munich. A quick bite to eat near Calais and we were on the road again.

Was it a lucky omen the French service station we pulled into to park up for the night was blasting out Simple Minds' "Alive and Kicking at lam?

A few hours' sleep on a bed that was so much more comfy than it looked and it was back on the road.

The weather was definitely making us feel at home - showers, windy, cool. So far, so very Scottish.

The place names flying past us beside the motorway started to change from French to German as we crossed the border.

The excitement was building. It was beginning to feel very real.

We passed Baden-Baden. The area isn't just famous for hosting a gang



**MEL HARVEY'S** 

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also produces some very nice wine. It would have been rude not to stop

and pick up some to try, surely? A few bottles packed into the van and we were off again.

As we got closer to Munich we spotted another motor home, like ours festooned with a slightly soggy Saltire after a downpour.

Hands lifted to wave, knowing nods, dreams shared.

The traffic was building and it was a crawl into the city. That didn't matter, though. We'd made it.

Then we spotted it, the Olympic Stadium, our camp here.

The car park was already filling up with fellow Scots, flags marking a

of Wags and their antics in 2006, it little bit of Scotland in Munich. Then, disaster. The van's battery was flat, drained by the packed beer fridge.

Faced with the prospect of warm beer, Neil managed to persuade a local to come and help us fix it.

On the other side of the stadium, the fanzone was preparing to open later in the evening to host the preparty to the big opening day.

The calm before the storm, staff putting the finishing touches to tables and bars.

 $It's \ based \ in \ natural \ amphitheatre$ in Olympic Park and seeing the adjacent water of Olympiasee lake, I couldn't help but wonder if a few of my fellow fans might be tempted for a dip later. It wouldn't be the first

time. Elsewhere in Munich, bars and cafes were filling up.

Our friends from Paisley, Glasgow and Lanarkshire were dotted across the city already with

An unexpected stop-off at a karaoke bar in Cologne on Wednesday, a lost suitcase, a delayed flight. But what's a bit of drama compared to what might be to come?

of the Merseyside Tartan Army, some music courtesy of Glasvegas and Kyle Falconer, who were putting on a special concert for fans.

Then for the main event.

Whatever happens on the pitch, rest assured we and our fellow devoted fans will make sure Germany remembers Scotland for a long time.

**SETTING STANDARD** 

Mel decorated van to fit in at Olympic Park, next to fanzone and lake, right

stories to tell.

Our evening was planned, catching up with fellow members

And possibly a few beers... we are in Germany after all.

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